Wolverhampton
# CHRONICLE

Thursday, January 4, 2018 | Read by more than 65,000 people | Price when sold 70p

## Shop owner delivers presents after home is burgled

# TRADER IS SANTA TO RAID-HIT BOYS

Report by Marion Brennan

**A REAL-LIFE Santa saved Christmas for a mother and her two boys after burglars ransacked their home and stole the children's presents.**

The thieves struck on Christmas Eve at the home in Walsall while mother-of-two Amy Turley was working a night shift on the cancer ward at Sandwell Hospital, West Bromwich.

After hearing of her plight, Wolverhampton toy shop owner Iain Ashbourne delivered 13 bags of toys for the youngsters in the early hours of Christmas Day.

Iain Ashbourne is thanked by family

"I couldn't bear to think of them without a present to open," he said.

Chemotherapy nurse Amy returned home to find the house in disarray with £600 worth of gifts under the tree and more hidden upstairs ripped open and taken. Among them were six Lego sets and a light-up scooter. A 50-inch TV set and other items were also stolen.

### Support

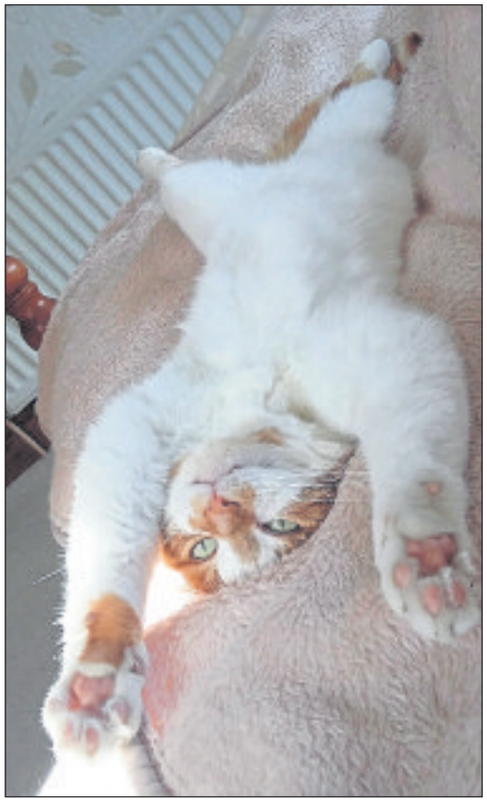
Her sister-in-law Gail Perkins, a police officer in Cannock, shared what happened on social media. Messages of sympathy and support poured in – including an appeal for help from comedian Jason Manford who said that if he lived nearer he would have taken something himself.

Mr Ashbourne, owner of Batteries Not Included in the city centre, returned to the shop at midnight to fill his car with toys before delivering them to the Turleys' house on the Yew Tree estate. He even brought a gift of bath bombs for Amy. Members of the public also responded by donating gifts.

Divorced Amy, 38, whose sons, Oliver, aged seven and Sam, four, were with their father in Telford at the time, said: "It was amazing. Iain even included wrapping paper and batteries.

"I wanted the boys to meet Iain so we could thank him for what he did. He turned a horrible experience into something heart-warming."

## NOW IT'S BEDTIME FOR TEDDY OUR PRIZE PET



Time to chill out – Teddy relaxing on the bed at home

ONE week on and all this attention is just wearing out poor Teddy. For those readers who missed the announcement last week this much-loved moggy – now seen chilling on the bed – won our Animal Crackers competition with the picture of him in the garden dovecote.

According to owner Vicky Sterrett, from Bloxwich, he just loves to get himself into lots of tight sports but here he is looking a lot more laid back. Obviously loving all the attention, he was a very clear winner with our many readers who emailed or posted in their votes.

The winning picture

### Shortlist

From the shortlist of 10, taken from the more than 500 entries we had sent in, he was a clear winner. Vicky, from Bloxwich, said Teddy found her four years ago, arriving on her doorstep as a stray. She found that he wasn't microchipped and was about four years old. Vicky fell in love instantly and decided to keep him. "We have always thought he was a superstar and winning this competition has proved that other people think so as well," said Vicky.

"After speaking to Teddy we have decided to donate the £100 prize money to Walsall & Wolverhampton Cats Protection for all the amazing work they do," Vicky added.

Our shortlist included dogs, cats, guinea pigs, a tortoise, rabbit and even a hedgehog but it was Teddy who captured so many hearts.

He has a cheeky personality and is a very busy boy spending most of his time in the garden, in the greenhouse and of course the dovecote.

This was specially made by a carpenter at a local day care centre for adults with learning disabilities.

KNIGHTHOOD

## Professor is now honoured as Sir

Alan Tuckett

A PROFESSOR who has 'pioneered' adult learning for the past four decades has received a knighthood in the Queen's New Year's Honours.

Alan Tuckett, from the University of Wolverhampton, has been recognised for his services to education. University bosses said he had dedicated his career to 'developing lifelong learning', influencing education policies 'across the globe'.

● Honours round-up – Page 2

COUNCIL

## No to worship plan for ex-football club

PLANS to turn the former home of Wyrley Rangers Football Club into a place of worship have been rejected.

Under the plans, the clubhouse on Long Lane, Essington would also be used as a creche, day nursery, training centre or exhibition space.

The pitches, stands, changing rooms and toilets would have still be used. The application was refused by South Staffordshire Council saying it

TICKETS

## 64 parking fines issued each day

ALMOST 70,000 parking fines – the equivalent of 64 each day – have been issued across Wolverhampton in three years raking the council in an average £1,551 a day.

Wolverhampton Council figures obtained through a Freedom of Information request reveal the top 15 lucrative streets and car parks for 'penalty charge notices' are mainly in the city centre.

INSIDE

## NUNO WARNING TO PLAYERS

PAGE 52

ASHMORE GLASS & MIRRORS LTD
UPVC WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES
• Wolverhamptons Family Run Window & Door specialists.
• FREE No Obligation Quote.
• 10 Years Insurance Backed Warranty.
• Serving The West Midlands/Shropshire For 21 Years.
• Visit our Website/Showroom for existing new deals
Units 17, 18, 19 Essington Industrial Estate, Bognop Road, Essington WV11 2BA
NO DEPOSITS REQUIRED
THE GUILD OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN
FENSA
6 FLAT WINDOWS IN WHITE UPVC ANY SIZE, ONE OPENER
£2100.00 INC VAT
Telephone: 01902 488334 or 01922 400029 www.ashmoreglass.co.uk Sales@ashmoreglass.co.uk

## CONTENTS


| | |
|---|---|
| LETTERS | 8 |
| MEMORY LANE | 14 |
| WEDDING SUPPLEMENT | 23-30 |
| THE TICKET | 33 |
| TV LISTINGS | 36-38 |
| PROPERTY | 41 |
| MOTORING | 44 |
| SPORT | 50-52 |


## CONTACT US

**EDITORIAL:**
Tel: 01902 319363
E-mail: wolverhampton.chronicles@expressandstar.co.uk

**SPORTS:**
Tel: 01902 319453
E-mail: chron.sport@expressandstar.co.uk

**PHOTOGRAPHIC:** Tel: 01902 319430
E-mail: picturedesk@expressandstar.co.uk

**ADVERTISING:** Sue Tolley
Tel: 01902 319620
E-mail: sue.tolley@expressandstar.co.uk

**PROPERTY:** Colin Bailey
Tel: 01902 313131 ext 3731
E-mail: colin.bailey@expressandstar.co.uk

**MOTORING:** Jayne La Hiffe
Tel: 01543 465344
E-mail: jayne.lahiffe@expressandstar.co.uk

**CLASSIFIED:**
Tel: 01902 317878
E-mail: my-classified@expressandstar.co.uk

**DISTRIBUTION:** Paul Jones
Tel: 01902 319990
E-mail: p.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

Wolverhampton CHRONICLE

51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES
Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
www.yourchronicle.com

# Hero fireman tells of flats rescue

Firefighter Lyndon

"ANY one of us would have done it, I was just at the end of the ladder". The words of firefighter Lyndon Flavell, who saved a five-year-old boy from falling out of a fifth floor tower block window.

Now he is to feature in a programme on the perils of the job. The 42-year-old father-of-one from Penn, braved the 50ft drop from Glendale Tower, Beechmount Drive in Erdington to save the boy.

The crew from Erdington station were sent to the scene. Crew commander Flavell said: "When we arrived, we saw some kind of mass on the ground and people crowding around. For one horrible moment, we thought we were too late."

But when the crew looked up, they could see the boy's legs dangling out of a window, five storeys above the ground. The only thing between him and the ground was the 'boney bit' behind his ears that was stuck in the window frame.

Crew commander Flavell was helping to pitch the 13.5m ladder when he found himself at the foot of it. "I can't say I intended to go up the ladder, it just so happened that I was at the foot of the ladder."

He reached the top and realised it wasn't quite tall enough to reach the screaming boy. "So I balanced on the last rung. Any one of us would have done it."

Members of the public helped the crew to hold the bottom of the ladder. The crew featureD in a special TV programme called 'In the Fire', which was broadcast on Monday, on channel Really. However the boy's rescue did not feature on that show.

Rescue at flats

# Dedicated community servants are honoured

**RESPECTED community figures from all walks of life have been recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours.**

Among them is Alan Tuckett, from the University of Wolverhampton, who has received the most notable recognition. He will collect a knighthood in recognition of his work in developing further education.

University vice chancellor, Professor Geoff Layer said: "Throughout his illustrious career, Professor Sir Alan Tuckett has forged a reputation as 'the voice of adult education' and his work has been dedicated to breaking down barriers enabling adults to access education.

"Forty years after helping to establish the very idea of the 'adult learner' in the 1970s, today he inspires the next generation of educators in his role as professor at the University of Wolverhampton."

### Ultimate

Gordon Evans, chairman of Stafford Town Football Club, receives the British Empire Medal (BEM), as does the driving force behind Willenhall Rugby Club, Elfyn Pugh.

Mr Pugh, 83, has served the club for more than 60 years and his dedication was honoured a year ago when England ruby head coach Eddie Jones presented him with an RFU lifetime achievement award at Twickenham. He said: "I thought going to Twickenham was the ultimate accolade but this is a fantastic honour."

Pauline Hodgetts has has been awarded the BEM for services to her community. She has strived for 40 years to make her home town Tipton a better place, leading the friends group at Victoria Park and helping to run a sons of rest group allowing pensioners to socialise with friends. She said: "It's absolutely fantastic."

Judith Morris, from Halesowen, is another to have been awarded a BEM for almost 60 years of service with St John Ambulance. Mrs Morris joined as a cadet in 1959 and worked her way up to become a unit manager. She is now responsible for training up the next generation of lifesavers. She said: "It is just an honour to think I have been recognised and appreciated for what I do."

Diana Seeney, from Wall Heath, has been honoured for services to the Girls' Brigade. She said: "I think that when you do volunteering work you don't expect to get recognition for it."

Dudley councillor and former Mayor Waltho has been made an MBE for services to local government in the Dudley borough.

Paul Strothers, from Wolverhampton, was former chief executive of aerospace firm Zodiac, which made seats for aeroplanes. He has been awarded an MBE for his work in the industry. David Harcourt was awarded an MBE for services to Stourbridge.

Elfyn Pugh BEM, right, of Willenhall

Scout leader Derek Elton MBE, 96

Diana Seeney, aged 76, MBE

Pauline Hodgetts BEM, of Tipton

Judith Morris BEM, of Halesowen

Councillor Steve Waltho MBE

# Postwoman stole cash and gifts from mail

A POSTIE opened more than 600 items of mail – mainly birthday cards – stealing cash, presents and scratch cards.

Dawn Long had been a postwoman, around Wolverhampton, for 10 years before contracting a condition which affected her ability to walk.

Her bosses at the Royal Mail Centre in Sun Street moved her to a job repairing mail that had been damaged and sorting through wrongly-addressed letters as a way of accommodating her medical problems, the court was told.

But envelopes were found opened and discarded, Wolverhampton magistrates' heard. An investigation was launched and over the next few months, hundreds more items of opened post were recovered, said Ms Naomi Dean, prosecuting.

### Cameras

After cameras were secretly installed in the office Long was filmed opening packages. In her bag was £300 cash, five gift vouchers, 16 pens, three fridge magnets, a key ring and five scratch cards. She owned up to stealing from the centre between December 27 last year to April 2 this year.

Defending, Mr Steve Hamblett said the 45-year-old grandmother suffered from cauda equina syndrome, where discs in her spine collapsed, trapping nerve endings.

He added: "There is no explanation for what happened. She did not need the money. She was finding it hard coming to terms with her debilitating condition. She has no previous convictions."

Long, of Deans Road, Wolverhampton, admitted opening the post whilst engaged as a postal operator and to theft by employee. Magistrates sentenced her to 18 weeks prison suspended for two years. She was also put under curfew for four months and told to pay £425 in compensation and costs.

# Train driver's son is HS2 apprentice

A TRAIN driver's son is set to play a key role delivering HS2 after securing an apprenticeship.

Matthew Astley, aged 17, from Wolverhampton, will spend the next two years working at HS2's headquarters in Birmingham, getting hands-on experience of project management.

He is among the first of 2,000 apprentices who will be working on the HS2 programme while learning at the newly-opened National College for High Speed Rail.

Preliminary investigation work has now begun to assess and prepare key sites on Britain's new railway after the first phase of the route between the Midlands and London secured Royal Assent in February 2017. Contracts with consortia were awarded in July.

# Crackdown after 60 plus burglaries in two months

MORE than 60 burglaries have taken place at homes across the West Midlands since October, with at least 50 of them thought to be linked.

Police have now launched a task-force to step up the fight against the raiders who demand valuables and threaten their victims with violence.

Detective believe there are six or seven gangs operating in the region, mainly targeting the elderly and people with an Asian background. Some victims have been threatened with weapons.

### Victims

Offenders have been described as Eastern European and black, or as having Irish accents. In the last three weeks, there have been five raids in Dudley, four in Walsall, two in Sandwell and six in Wolverhampton. A total of 62 attacks have taken place since October.

In Wolverhampton, victims were visited by door-to-door salesmen with Irish accents in what detectives believe could have been 'reconnaissance trips'. In West Bromwich, a suspect was arrested after being caught with Asian gold and a homemade stun gun.

Detective Superintendent Alison Telford, leading the West Midlands Police response to the raids, said: "Offenders are targeting vulnerable people in their homes where they should feel safest."

# £4m mystery aid for the homeless

AN anonymous donor has given £4 million to charity for the homeless across the West Midlands.

The benefactor stunned staff at the Heart of England Community Foundation with the Christmas donation. It will use £3m of it to fund major initiatives to help those sleeping rough and without homes in the New Year.

The last £1m will be invested to guarantee a legacy for years to come. This comes after the recent tragedy when a homeless man was found frozen to death in Birmingham city centre.

The city's rough sleeping rate has risen to 55 per cent from 36 per cent in 2015 and the region is estimated to need 300,000 new homes over the next 15 years to meet demand.

# Drivers face delays

DELAYS are expected while work is carried out on a retirement home complex with Stockwell Road in Tettenhall blocked in both directions between Lloyd Road and Danescourt Road from January 8-12.

# Inquest told of pressure from exams

Isabella Desir

A SCHOOLGIRL struggling with the pressure of exams died after taking morphine, an inquest heard.

Isabella Desir, a student at Wolverhampton Girls' High School, suffered anxiety, panic attacks and insomnia in the months before her death as she prepared to sit her AS-level exams.

But the 17-year-old's mother, Philippa Nightingale, told the Black Country coroner that in her final weeks she had appeared less anxious and was able to sleep. Then on June 26 Isabella was found collapsed in her bed. She died the following day at New Cross Hospital. Later a packet of morphine tablets was discovered and a toxicologist found she had potentially fatal levels in her blood.

Miss Nightingale told the court that in hindsight she believed the change in Isabella's behaviour in her final weeks was due to her taking the pain medication to help her revise, of which she had been unaware.

Coroner Zafar Siddique concluded it had been a drug-related death. He added there was no evidence she had intended to take her own life and it was impossible to say how she acquired the morphine. Asked what had triggered her daughter's anxiety, Miss Nightingale, said: "I think exams. She placed herself under pressure." She added: "The Fluoxetine [antidepressant] had no positive effect. She became an insomniac."

The court heard Isabella, of Wychbury Road, Finchfield, was first prescribed Fluoxetine in January. Miss Nightingale added she did not believe her daughter would have sought morphine had she not been taking Fluoxetine. She claimed the drug, better known as Prozac, had changed her

# Abolish parking fees at hospitals, say readers

**HOSPITAL parking charges should be abolished, say three quarters of the readers polled by our sister daily, the Express & Star.**

It follows a report that hospital trusts in Staffordshire and Black Country made almost £10m from parking charges in 2016/17.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs County Hospital in Stafford, made £3.6m and The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, in charge of New Cross Hospital, received £2.3m. Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust took in £2.4m and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs Walsall Manor Hospital, made £1.1m.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, made £471,000, but most of the revenue was taken by a private finance initiative firm.

### Different

The trusts, which charge different amounts for parking, have defended the income, claiming it is reinvested in services, and that the cost of maintaining the car parks should not come out of finances allocated for patient care.

The online poll asking readers if charges should be scrapped has come back with a majority verdict. Out of more than 1,000 readers, 75 per cent agreed they should be abolished.

Reader Paul Biggs said: "Excessive charges aren't justified wherever the money goes – they are simply a tax on staff, patients and visitors."

Gavin Williams said: "I'm happy to pay for a one-off visit, but when family members are in for long periods it ends up costing a fortune."

However, Zoe Kriston said: "I'm more than happy to pay a few quid to park when going to the hospital and using its services for free. People moaning about paying for parking why not go private then so you can park for free."

Rachel Power, chief executive of the Patients Association, said the current state of NHS finances meant it was sometimes hard to blame hospitals for trying to find money. But she said that did not make the current situation acceptable.

## Tiggy survives washing machine spin

Washing machine trauma – Mrs Rae Sutton cuddles her cat Tiggy

A CAT survived a 30-minute cycle in a washing machine – after being given the kiss of life by his owner.

Nine-month-old Tiggy was motionless and not breathing when he was pulled from the machine drum by his owner Rae Sutton.

But after mouth-to-mouth resuscitation the cat began breathing again and was rushed to the nearby veterinary practice. On being given an oxygen mask, the cat awoke and returned back home hours later.

"He's grounded from now on, I'm not letting him out of my sight again," said Mrs Sutton, aged 72, of Baldwin Street, Bilston. I thought I'd lost him, he was dead when I pulled him out, I was hysterical, I ran outside screaming before sitting down on the sofa with him in my arms.

"Then I saw his mouth drop open and I began to give him mouth-to-mouth, gently, while massaging his stomach. It went on for around 20 minutes. Then, all of a sudden, his stomach started going up an down."

Mrs Sutton lives with husband John, 64, and their seven cats. All the cats are from rescue homes, except Tiggy, who they got from their neighbour six months ago.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Library closes for £60,000 revamp

A LIBRARY is closing for two months for a £60,000 revamp. Penn Library will be redecorated and have a new community lounge and meeting room.

It will mean the library will close from this Saturday until March 6. The car park will also be closed. Libraries nearby include Warstones, Blakenhall and Central Library.

Councillor John Reynolds, Wolverhampton Council's cabinet member for city economy, said: "In other parts of the country libraries are closing, but in Wolverhampton we are continuing to invest in these important community assets. I would like to thank customers for bearing with us."

### Fares price drop is just the ticket

BUS tickets are being made cheaper in 2018. National Express West Midlands is introducing lower fares when customers buy tickets using its travel card and mobile app.

But normal tickets bought on board buses will be kept at the same price. The reductions will be made across the travel operator's range of tickets – including day tickets, single tickets, travel cards and low fare zones.

Customers can buy cheaper fares through the Swift Pay As You Go card, similar to London's Oyster card, and National Express' mobile phone app.

### Urgent appeal for school governors

PEOPLE with a passion for education are being urged to think about becoming a school governor to fill almost 100 vacancies across the city.

There are more than 1,000 school governors in Wolverhampton – but more are urgently needed to fill 91 specific places on governing boards.

All new governors are supported by the city council with free training and resources provided, and there are regular governor forums at which they can meet others carrying out similar roles. For more information visit http://bit.ly/2ATTPsd

### Call to lift the time limits on gift cards

EXPIRY dates should be lifted from gift cards, says a local political group.

Wolverhampton Liberal Democrats have called on the Government to lift the expiry limits on the cards.

Campaigner Paul Butters said: "Millions of people will have received gift cards over Christmas, but not everyone has the time or inclination to brave the January sales to redeem them. Often by the time you want to redeem your card it has expired."


SALE NOW ON

- Reductions Across our range of Marble and Limestone
- Save Up to £200 on High Efficiency Glass Fronted Inset Fires
- Huge Savings on Infinity and New Infinity HD products
- Reductions on Electric fires and Packages
- Big savings on all Fireline Multi-Fuel Stoves
- Package deals on Hearth, Chamber, and Beam orders
- Unbelievable prices on 316 and 904 Liners with 25 and 35 year warranties
- Marble Fireplaces with Lights from just £399.00

CLASSIC FIREPLACES
@ Classic Elegance
Established and serving the Midlands for over 30 years

7 Cross Street North (off Cannock Road),
Wolverhampton WV1 1PP
01902 871121
www.classic-fireplaces.com

safe 189523

## COUNTY NEWS

### Free call blockers for the vulnerable

AN organisation which works to stop scams is helping people with dementia in the West Midlands avoid being conned.

The National Trading Standards Scam Team – a Neighbourhood Watch West Midlands partner – has secured Government funding to provide free call blocking technology to protect the most vulnerable from nuisance and scam calls.

There is a limited number of units and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information, visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk website.

### Asylum service needs a 'shake-up'

A MAJOR shake-up is needed in the UK's asylum offices following claims staff are being overworked, a Black Country MP has said.

John Spellar called for action after whistleblowers claimed workers in the Home Office's asylum directorate were in a 'constant state of crisis'.

The Labour MP for Warley said: "Day after day MPs, and even more of our constituents, have to deal with this cruel and incompetent bureaucracy. While it is true the cuts in numbers of staff under Theresa May as Home Secretary haven't helped, the root cause is the whole rotten ethos of the place. It needs a major shake-up."

### Holocaust survivor guest at university

A HOLOCAUST survivor is to tell an audience in Wolverhampton about his experiences during the Second World War.

Henri Obstfeld will share his story during an event at the University of Wolverhampton on January 25, ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day, which commemorates millions murdered by the Nazis. Mr Obstfeld, who was born into a Jewish family in Amsterdam, survived thanks to a couple who pretended he was their nephew.

### Shire horse show will celebrate 140 years

A SHOW featuring the world's largest gathering of Shire horses will mark its 140th anniversary in March. The National Shire Horse Show returns to Staffordshire Showground for the third year, from March 16 to 18. Adult tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the gate, while tickets for children aged five to 13 are £8 in advance or £10 on the gate. Under fives free. See shire-horse.org.uk for details.

# Action call over racist chants at players

ANTI-RACISM charity Kick it Out has demanded an urgent investigation into claims of racist chanting during the Boxing Day game between Wolves and Millwall.

The body said it had received 'several' reports of racism following the match at the New Den, in which Wolves players are reported to have been abused.

Wolves, Millwall, the police and Football Association have all confirmed they are investigating.

Kick it Out has said the reports were 'of great concern' and called for swift action to show a 'zero tolerance' approach against racism in football. The charity said in a statement: "Kick it Out received several reports following the Championship fixture between Millwall and Wolverhampton Wanderers on Boxing Day, which alleged racist chanting by Millwall supporters towards a number of Wolves players.

"The reports have since been passed on to the Football Association for investigation. The number of reports received to the organisation from the match is of great concern and Kick it Out expects the relevant authorities to investigate this serious incident as a matter of urgency, so it is concluded in a manner that shows zero tolerance towards racism or any other form of discriminatory conduct."

The investigation comes as former Villa player and Wolves loanee Mark Walters spoke out about racist abuse he suffered during his career.

In a candid interview, the ex-midfielder said racism was something he was 'prepared to put up with' to make it in the game.

# Delays to extension work on Metro line

By Jessica Labhart

**THE extension of the Midland Metro line to Wolverhampton's railway station has been delayed until at least 2019.**

And passengers will have to wait until 2020 to use new services.

The station and metro works form part of a multi-million pound masterplan to transform transport in the city.

As part of Midland Metro Alliance extension plans, phase one of work to extend the line began in June, with track replacement on the A41 Bilston Road finishing two weeks ahead of schedule last month.

But work to extend the line up Pipers Row and Railway Drive will not start until the revamp of the city's railway station has been completed, according to a report to the West Midlands Combined Authority's transport delivery committee.

### Contract

Metro passenger services were due to begin in December 2019, but the report reveals that the extension will not be complete until June 2020 – and work will be 'suspended' until the station is complete.

The Westside extension of the tram to Birmingham's Centenary Square is also 'at risk', according to the report, which said services had been due to be running by mid-2019.

The report, set to be discussed next week, reveals a 'revised construction strategy', which will see all of the tram line works 'compressed into a 12-month period' after the awarding of the contract for the new train station was delayed by nine months.

The report continues: "As the Metro works in the station forecourt cannot commence until the station works are completed, Midland Metro Alliance have advised that on completion of phase one, the project will demobilise."

## Hospital 1960s room of memories

Deputy Mayor Councillor Phil Page, looks round the room with sponsors Kevin and Barbara O'Reilly

ITS 1960s-style design harks back to years gone by and should help people feel like they are in more familiar surroundings. And this new reminiscence room at New Cross Hospital is aiming to help dementia patients recall memories from their past.

Among the items included in the new room, which was launched by the Royal Wolverhampton Trust charity, are back copies of our sister daily the Express & Star from the period and old Wolves football memorabilia.

These 'memory aids' will help patients recall details from their younger years and aim to spark happy memories.

The room will host weekly events such as bingo, board games and hairdressing and features nostalgic photography and 'memory boxes'.

Former Wolves and Walsall player Steve Daley, who also briefly managed Bilston Town, attended the launch event, along with the city's deputy mayor Councillor Phil Page, which celebrated the community groups who have made the room a reality since it was first mooted.

Leanne Bood, charity fundraising co-ordinator, said: "It is so important to get our patients away from their hospital beds and doing activities which support their rehabilitation.

# Firms line up to join in business festival

Nearly 20 firms are already aiming to run an event during this spring's Black Country Business Festival.

Another 50 have submitted 'expressions of interest' to take part in the two-week festival celebrating Black Country business in all its strength and variety.

The business festival, led by the Black Country Chamber of Commerce and supported by the University of Wolverhampton and Talbots Law, is a new two-week series of events that will exclusively be staged in the Black Country between April 23 and May 4.

The festival is largely 'business to business' with events put on by local companies to help other Black Country businesses and individuals to learn from each other, share and grow.

The programme will be made up of a diverse range of events that will also draw attention to the Black Country, showing investors what this area has to offer and what a fantastic place it is to live, work and do business.

Major

Anyone can apply to run an event – which can take any shape from a seminar or workshop through to a trade show or major conference. A short application form is available on the business festival website www.blackcountrybusi nessfestival.com/apply and companies have until the deadline of February 22.

Around 100 events are expected to take place over the fortnight. A list of venues offering free or heavily discounted rates to those organising an event are available on www.blackcountry businessfestival.com/venues

Corin Crane, chief executive of the Black Country Chamber of Com-

### Be alert, call after horse trailer theft

A HORSE trailer was stolen by a 'lanky' male suspect who was spotted an hour later struggling to tow it up a hill.

The silver and red Ifor Williams model, worth over £1,000, was taken from an address on Pendeford Mill Lane in Codsall. It was later seen in Bridgnorth being pulled by a silver Vauxhall.

PCSO Louise Jones said: "A silver Ifor Williams trailer has been stolen. The vehicle that took it was a silver Vauxhall and the offender was described as a 'tall lanky male'. The trailer had no reg plate on it. It had three black wheels and one silver one."

She warned people to be vigilant with their trailers and check security lights work.


WindowTech Interframe Ltd

Walsall: 01922 455018
Wolverhampton: 01902 582051
24 Hr Number: 07853 248056

CALL NOW FOR HUGE DISCOUNTS THROUGHOUT JANUARY

Feel secure with our 24 years' experience and our insurance backed guarantee

View our online video @ www.windowtechinterframe.co.uk
Units 1, 2 & 9 Brickyard Road, Aldridge WS9 8SR

Improving Homes for over 25 years

The Name You CAN Trust

THE DEALMAKER

We offer especially high prices for Asian Gold 9ct and 18ct.

You can choose to sell it to us or use our special buy back service!!

Call us for more details

01902 424 700 or 01384 458 258

117 Salop Street, Wolverhampton WV3 0RX or 10 Castle Street, Dudley DY1 1LF

T&C's subject to the production of ID. Applicants must be over 18. Written quotation available on request.

# Good rating as absentee level falls at referral unit

A SCHOOL for troubled pupils where absentee rates have dramatically fallen has been judged a great success by government inspectors.

Midpoint Centre, a pupil referral unit in Wolverhampton, has seen both attendance and behaviour improve – despite many pupils having had high absence rates in their previous schools.

Staff had introduced effective strategies to re-engage them with education, which had seen the vast majority of students improve their attendance, with parents full of praise for the school's work in this area.

### Opportunities

Ofsted found the school recognised persistent absence was one of the biggest challenges to improving pupils' progress, and there were 'robust' systems in place to investigate unauthorised absences.

Pupils who attend regularly are making good progress, enjoying a curriculum that is 'broad and balanced'. Learning was supported by a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, including theatre visits.

Outcomes in English, art, construction and science were strong, and progress in mathematics had quickened.

Inspectors rated the school in Parkfields 'good' following a visit in November. The referral unit supports Key Stage 4 pupils in years 10 and 11.

# Isla's appeal nears the £50,000 mark

A FUNDRAISING appeal for a girl who has been fighting cancer for more than a year is approaching £50,000

Isla Austin was diagnosed with high-risk neuroblastoma 15 months ago – on her first birthday. Her family have launched an appeal to raise £150,000 to fund experimental treatment in America.

Former Wolves goalkeeper Matt Murray, a family friend, is among those who have backed the appeal. Last week the fund's JustGiving page stood at more than £46,000 – 30 per cent of the fundraising total.

Two-year-old Isla has a twin sister, Lottie, and older brother Finn, aged four. To donate go to justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/solvingkidscancer/islaaustin

# Sleigh's £9k aid

MORE than £9,000 will be donated to cancer sufferers, thanks to The Rotary Club of Wednesfield. Cash was raised during the club's annual Christmas sleigh visits in aid of Cancer Research UK.

# Bev's Christmas cracker with Sir Tom

Beverley Knight with Sir Tom Jones

SOUL singer Beverley Knight teamed up with musical royalty Sir Tom Jones to deliver some seasonal cheer.

The pair performed in Cardiff at the newly refurbished Exchange Hotel in November and the recording was screened on BBC Two on Christmas Day. They were joined by BRIT and MOBO award-winning Jessie Ware, soul singer Kwabena Sarkodee Adjepong – better known by his stage name Kwabs – the London Community Gospel Choir and the House Gospel Choir.

Wolverhampton-born musical theatre star Beverley said: "I was chuffed to be asked to return to be a part of Gospel Christmas for a second time. Celebrating Christmas in song once again with the wonderful choirs has been a joy – and working with the amazing Sir Tom Jones in his home country of Wales is a huge honour."

Sir Tom paid homage to a genre that is very close to his heart while Beverley made a welcome return to her roots after her success at co-hosting last year's inaugural show. Sir Tom said: "I'm so happy to be celebrating this wonderful season with my co-host Beverly Knight and sharing the evening with Jessie Ware, Kwabs and the uplifting and joyous choirs. It was an evening of beautiful singing and playing in the heart of Cardiff."

Tweeting on December 23 ahead of the show being broadcast, @Beverleyknight said: "It was a pleasure celebrating Christmas in song once again for #BBCGospelChristmas with the amazing @realsirtomjones @JessieWare @Kwabs @LCGCtweets @HouseChoir. Merry Christmas everyone!"

● Panto review – Page 32

# Prison for robbery gang in 80mph police chase

**ROBBERS who raided a store before leading police officers on an 80mph chase along residential roads have been jailed for a total of 19 years.**

Cameron Spence and Lewis Moore vaulted over the counter at One Stop in Wednesfield before seizing £2,500 worth of cigarettes and tobacco.

Meanwhile accomplice Ryan White threatened a shopkeeper with a hammer and made him open the safe from which they took a further £2,500 in cash.

They made off in a Ford Mondeo they had stolen the previous night along with their getaway driver, David Price. A pursuit ensued through Wolverhampton during which the Mondeo hit speeds of 80mph in a 30mph zone.

A police helicopter was brought in to assist officers on the ground and the Mondeo was eventually dumped on the grounds of New Cross Hospital.

Two of the robbers, Spence and White, were arrested at the hospital, while Moore and Price were arrested over the next nine days. The robbery took place on March 29, 2016, at around 9.30pm.

### Chisel

Both Spence, aged 28, of Pear Tree Lane, Wednesfield, and White, 25, of Allen Road, Whitmore Reans, pleaded guilty to robbery of the Wood End Road store, aggravated vehicle taking and possessing a hammer. Both were jailed for four years and eight months by a judge at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Moore, 20, of Whitgreave Avenue, Low Hill, admitted robbery, aggravated vehicle taking and possessing a chisel, which was used to open the cigarette cabinet. He was jailed for three years and four months.

Price, 35, of Simpson Road, Low Hill, did not turn up to the court, which heard a warrant had already been issued for his arrest. Having admitted robbery and aggravated vehicle taking, he was jailed for six years and four months in his absence. All four men were disqualified from driving for between two years, eight months and four years and two months.

Judge James Burbidge QC, said: "In my judgement you waited until only the two members of staff were there and then you ran in mob-handed."

Lewis Moore

David Price

Cameron Spence

Ryan White

The One Stop Shop in Wednesfield was targeted by the gang

# 17 drivers convicted of car cruising

SEVENTEEN drivers have been convicted of breaching a 'ground-breaking' injunction banning car cruising across the Black Country.

The injunction, granted three years ago, forbids people from getting involved with car cruises in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall. Councillors and police are now proclaiming the injunction has had a 'major impact' and are planning to appeal for it to continue.

Councillor Paul Sweet, Wolverhampton council's cabinet member for public health and wellbeing, said: "The injunction has undoubtedly been a success, dramatically reducing the menace of car cruising across the region and eliminating it from certain areas altogether.

"A number of warning letters have been issued to people who have participated in, or were planning, a car cruise."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Hospice to restore original features

COMPTON Hospice is to see the former character of its headquarters return after council bosses approved plans to re-instate original features.

It is to have some of its original walls and staircases restored to their former glory.

The Grade II-listed Victorian building will have new skirting boards in keeping with its traditional design and concealed doorways will be revealed once again. Some non-original doors will be removed as will security panelling at the top of some stairs.

The charity had consulted the Victorian Society for its views on the plans.

# School's pool is to be converted

A SECONDARY school is set to lose its swimming pool after councillors gave development plans the go-ahead.

Aldersley High School's pool will be transformed into teaching rooms and additional parking.

Plans were submitted to Wolverhampton Council to accommodate rising pupil numbers for additional classes and post-16 education at the secondary school.

The swimming pool at the Barnhurst Lane site will be converted, with a first floor extension, to craft the new rooms.

# £3m shares for heritage railway

A LEISURE steam rail operator that needs to raise £3 million towards efforts to become a company and revamp the carriages has launched a new shares scheme.

Vintage Trains, which runs day trips via Wolverhampton to Chirk Viaduct, in Wales, and along the Shrewsbury, Oswestry & Chester Junction Railway wants to set up as a Train Operating Company.

Based in Tyseley, Birmingham, the heritage service is offering 800,000 shares costing £1 each for the Vintage Trains Community Benefit Society.

# Furniture rescued in shop van blaze

FIRE crews saved thousands of pounds worth of bedroom and office furniture in an early Christmas morning blaze.

A Mercedes Sprinter van burst into flames outside Sharps in Bilston where it was parked among other vehicles at the firm's HQ which were loaded for deliveries after the Christmas break.

The 5am blaze was spotted in the nick of time by security staff who raised the alarm.

WE WILL NOT BE BEATEN ON PRICE
For the same Specification
WINDOW & DOOR SPECIALIST
• Composite Doors • Aluminium Bi-Fold Doors • Orangeries
• Conservatories • Replacement Double Glazed Units
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!!
HIGH QUALITY COMPOSITE DOORS
Our high security Composite Door with the look and feel of a timber door but with the easy maintenance of a UPVC door. Choose from our wide variety of colours and styles...
WINTER SALE NOW ON
EVENING & WEEKEND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
A RATED WINDOWS
Look for this label for your 'A' rated window, or ask us for more information
✔ 'A' Rated Windows
✔ 'High security internal beading
✔ 'Multi point shootbolt locking
✔ 'Secured by Design available
✔ 'Key locking handles
✔ 'Double weather seals
WOLVERHAMPTON GLASS
Showroom at Pelham St, Wolverhampton Web: www.wolverhamptonglass.co.uk
Telephone: 01902 773831 Mobile: 07989 971261 Open: Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm
KM 25877 BS 7413 KM 27305 EN 1279 KM 13717 BS 7412 KM 77653 BS 6206

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

# So Ringo what have you done to merit this?

A GREATER mind than mine is needed to work this one out. Back in 1965, when Beatlemania was at its height, Ringo Starr was appointed an MBE, along with the rest of his bandmates.

In 1970, when The Beatles finally broke up having released their final album there were no further honours, presumably because the MBEs were thought to suffice.

Paul McCartney was given a knighthood in 1997, but nothing more for Starr, presumably because the MBE was still considered sufficient. Indeed, there was no mention of him in the Queen's birthday honours, and that was only six months ago. Nor in the previous New Year's honours list or the one for David Cameron's resignation, four months earlier.

So Ringo's honour is obviously for something he has achieved since June last year, something that completely eclipses his work with The Beatles. Perhaps somebody can tell me what it is?

❒❒❒

DAVID Beckham reveals that at times of stress, he plays with Lego to help him relax. Which reminds me of a joke dating back to his playing days, when the midfielder asked the then Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson for help with a jigsaw.

"Boss, boss, you've gotta help me," he shouted nervously. "I wanted to show Victoria I am not thick, that I can do a jigsaw puzzle, but it's so hard."

Looking slightly confused, Ferguson asked Beckham where the puzzle was.

"It's here boss, it's meant to be a cockerel, but no matter how I arrange all the pieces, it doesn't look right."

Ferguson sighed wearily, and placed a fatherly hand on Beckham's shoulder.

"David, David, son," he said. "Just put the cornflakes back in the box."

❒❒❒

EXCITING news from the Government, which is spending millions to ensure all mainline trains have "superfast wi-fi connectivity". Apparently, this means every passenger will be able to watch videos at the same time, which is great news for ticket inspectors who will have to interrupt every passenger from their viewing.

Can you imagine anything more hateful? Whole carriages of people lost in their own little world, a cacophony of whistling noises emanating from the headphones like tinnitus for anybody not wishing to participate. The work involves laying hundreds of miles of fibre-optic cables alongside the tracks, so you can imagine the disruption.

Call me a luddite, but wouldn't you prefer the money was spent on a bit of real "connectivity", like reopening some of the railway lines around the Black Country?

## From fake news and Bake Off to the TV licence fee

Donald Trump – if somebody takes a pot-shot will guards shout: "Donald, duck!"

Gary Lineker – takes TV licence fees from more than 15,000 homes to employ him

The Krankies – reader asks: "After Scottish independence, who gets custody of them?"

# Annual line-up: So who can Trump this?

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

ANOTHER year is almost over. My thanks to all readers, especially those of you whose contributions enlivened this column in 2017.

Here's a selection of snippets month-by-month recalling a year of everything from fake news to Bake Off, cold snaps and the TV licence fee.

JANUARY: A reader asks, if somebody takes a pot-shot at President Trump, will the bodyguards shout: "Donald, duck!"

FEBRUARY: The Government says old folk occupying big houses will be "given incentives" to move into smaller properties. A reader asks: "Will the same criteria apply to the stately piles of England: Buckingham Palace,Windsor Castle and Clarence House?" Any more questions like that, my lad, and you'll find yourself in a very large dwelling. The Tower.

MARCH: A reader inquires: "After Scottish independence, who gets custody of the Krankies?"

APRIL: Still on religion, Easter eggs and suchlike, a reader points out that there is no such person as the Archbishop of Cadbury.

MAY: A reader writes: "Historians have revealed that they may have found the location in Suffolk where St Edmund is buried. It is thought to be in the town of Bury St Edmunds. How much do these people earn, and where do I apply for a job?"

JUNE: The unspeakable leader. The official election leaflet has just arrived from our local Labour candidate. It contains not a single mention of Jeremy Corbyn.

JULY: If you haven't done the sums yet, it takes the TV licence fees from more than 15,000 homes to employ Gary Lineker at the BBC for a year.

AUGUST: A close look at the neo-Nazi marchers in Charlottesville reveals the usual snarling, dead-eyed losers you see at any far-right gathering. Whenever you meet the Master Race, it's always a disappointment.

SEPTEMBER: Prue Leith, the Bake Off judge, pins the blame on our "centrally heated houses and sedentary lifestyle" for contributing to obesity. Nothing to do with all those cakes, then?

OCTOBER: Is anyone else surprised that, while the weather forecasters queued up to explain why the sky had turned orange a few days ago, no-one warned us in advance that it was going to happen? Not so much forecasting as aftcasting.

NOVEMBER: If Moscow really is planting fake news to bring down the West, expect it to be a well-concealed operation. You know how it is. You open one Russian troll and there's another troll inside .

DECEMBER: Hell's teeth. If this cold weather continues we babyboomers in our huge palaces may be forced to spend our winter fuel allowance on winter fuel. That was never the plan.

So that was the year, that was. And now for some snippets to kick off 2018 . . .

ALL hail the new blue passport, the visible symbol of the UK finally divorced from the EU. In the great scheme of things, the colour of a document that most of us use only once or twice a year may seem insignificant. But such things matter, if only to reassure 17 million voters that HMS Brexit, having been tied to the EU quayside in miles of red tape for the past 18 months, is about to set sail.

CASTLE Lodge in Ludlow is one of the quirkiest old buildings I've ever visited, probably because it is privately owned and occupied and there's a strange sense of intruding into somebody's secret world. So good luck to the £500,000 appeal to acquire and restore it, although I understand the sentiments of a reader who declares: "Food banks in every town – and yet another old building takes precedence!" The point is that if every old-building appeal were wound up tomorrow, the money would still not alleviate poverty. Now that we have hundreds of them, food banks, like the poor, will always be with us. As long as some people are happy to collect and distribute food to the less well-off and and other people are grateful to accept it, the food banks will endure. It is pointless and insulting to regard them as a national disgrace.

A CROSS-party group of MPs says travellers who set up illegal camps should be forced to pay for the cost of cleaning up any mess they leave behind. Good luck with that. I have a mental image of a determined and stern-faced MP handing a bill to one such family and inexplicably ending up with an even bigger bill for 50 yards of asphalt he never wanted.

TALKING POINT

# What's this obsession with TV and smuggling?

FOR some reason the subject of smuggling has suddenly become a hot topic and not just in the stories which make the news these days. Take a recent weekend's TV schedules for example.

First we had Sir Tony "Time Team" Robinson in Cornwall with his Walking Through History, and he was determined to dig up all the facts he could on smuggling there.

It was an interesting insight into a precarious but lucrative industry, but blow me down, who was this in hot pursuit of the Time Team man? Only one of the West Midlands' finest. Coastal Railways with Julie Walters was an affectionate trip along scenic routes. And aside from wallowing in the Cornish scenery, she was equally happy poking about for clues to how smugglers operated.

Then just as we thought there was nothing more to be said about the subject, up pops the least likely of smuggling fans in Penelope Keith's Coastal Villages. In an attempt to outrun Robinson and Walters, she headed for the Isle of Wight and West Sussex where, to quote Channel 4, she "becomes immersed in stories of seafarers, smugglers and shipwrecks".

Despite the lawlessness of the subject, all three programmes portrayed those ruthless gangs of long ago in a romantic light. And there is something to be said about the thrill of sneaking past the authorities. I was nervous as hell when smuggling my cassette recorder into open-air festivals to obtain what I reckoned would be highly sought-after bootleg tapes of the likes of Pink Floyd and Thin Lizzy.

Only trouble was, my primitive machine made the bands sound like they were playing in a tunnel, and picked up every utterance of the people around me.

Years later, having come straight from work, I had more success taking a tuna sandwich into a football match, despite warning notices at the turnstiles saying only food and drink bought at the kiosks could be consumed inside the stadium.

Of course, there is a very serious side to smuggling, as in the court case where several people were jailed for using drones to get drugs and phones to prison inmates. But sometimes you have to smile at the audacity of some people. I was once in a cinema, waiting for the film to start, when a couple extracted from a carrier bag a flask, sandwiches and for all I know a dessert, and had a real feast. And what had I brought with me? A bottle of tap water from home, just to avoid paying the exorbitant prices in the foyer.

Sometimes, it's best just to be brazen . . . and prepare a convincing excuse for when you're nabbed! STEVE PARLETT

Advertisement

# Has Your Double Glazing Steamed Up?

**Established for over a decade Cloudy2Clear windows have become a leading company for glass replacement. Issues with double glazing can often be gradual and may only be noticed during a clear sunny day or during the winter. A failed glass unit may no longer provide you with the protection you need or be energy efficient. Why not spend a few minutes checking your home to see if you have any failed double glazing?**
**If you act now you can avoid these problems.**

Now, you may think you need to replace the whole window including the frames and all the hardware, however Cloudy2Clear have come up with a simple and cost saving solution… Just replace the glass!!

If you see condensation in your windows just visit our website or give us a call on **0800 61 21 118**. We will send out our highly experienced engineers for a free no obligation quote. **A Cloudy2Clear quote takes on average no longer than 20 minutes**. Once the quote is completed, we will sit down with you and explain the problem and tell you how we can fix it. With years of experience Cloudy2Clear have a wealth of knowledge and are recognised as a Which Trusted Trader, **plus our work is backed by an industry leading 25 year guarantee**. Cloudy2Clear also replace faulty locks handles and hinges on all windows and doors.

Your friendly local Cloudy2Clear specialist is Brian Stanley and he services Wolverhampton & the surrounding areas.

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Brian a call for a free quotation on **0800 61 21 118**.

*"Cloudy2Clear GUARANTEE All Customers That An Average Quote Will Take No Longer Than 20 MINS!!!"*

**Cloudy2Clear Windows... Service With A Smile!**

Cloudy2Clear Are A... Which? Trusted Trader

All Glazing Backed By Our 25 YEAR GUARANTEE

Priority Freephone 0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?

# Organist Jean pulls out stops to play for hospital patients

**A REALITY TV music star visited New Cross Hospital to perform to patients ahead of Christmas and to hand over money she raised for the hospital following the death of her husband.**

Britain's Got Talent favourite Jean Martyn transported her own piano to wards in Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital to play for patients.

Wearing her well-known sparkly jacket which she wore during the ITV show, Jean pulled out all the stops as she delivered festive cheer to those in hospital over the holidays.

Jean decided to perform in the wards in recognition of the work the staff at the hospital do following the death of her late husband Bob Ware, who died died in October at the age of 77.

Jean Martyn and husband Bob

As part of the event, she also donated the £850 she had raised for the Royal Wolverhampton Trust which runs New Cross, in memory of her husband. Jean appeared on Britain's Got Talent in June 2011. She performed in the live finals of the show – won by Jai McDowell – and went on to perform in front of thousands at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena as part of the 14-date UK-wide tour of the programme.

This was just the beginning of a whirlwind journey for Jean, who had previously worked at Cannock Chase High and Huntington Primary schools as a music teacher.

## Appeared

In the same year, she played a two-hour show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall and later appeared on Channel 5 show Big Brother and Loose Women, as well as Channel 4's The Paul O'Grady Show.

She has played at venues across the country including Butlins holiday camps as well as St James's Palace and Buckingham Palace.


NEW YEAR SALE NOW ON

De Rosa INSTALLATIONS LTD Est 1997

Celebrating 21 YEARS in business with a MASSIVE 21% DISCOUNT OFF ALL OUR PRODUCTS

WINDOWS > DOORS > CONSERVATORIES > FLAT ROOFING

This month only upgrade to triple glazing for the price of double T&C's apply

Visit our new website www.derosaroofing.co.uk and put an end to your flat roofing worries.

- Sarnafil Roofing
- 50 years proven life expectancy
- Fully trained installers
- No moss or plant growth
- Insurance backed guarantee

9.5 / 10 based on over a 1000 surveyed customers

Windows A+ rated
36mm triple glazed or 28mm double glazed
A rated as standard
We Never Take Deposits. Payment only on completion

Sarnafil Roof Assured THE VERSATILE ROOFING SYSTEM

To see all our reviews please log on to www.homepro.com/profile?business=derosainstallationsltd

Unit 42, Wombourne Enterprise Park, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne WV5 0AL
CALL US ON: 01902 897111
CHECK US OUT ONLINE AT
derosawindows.co.uk • derosaroofing.co.uk



SUITES & BEDS

3 PIECE SUITES FROM ONLY £50 BUY NOW WHILE STOCKS LAST

Open: Monday - Saturday 9.00am-5.30pm, Sunday 10.00am - 3.30pm

Alison 3+1+1 £799
Matinee 3+2 £499
4ft 6in Galaxy 2 Drawer Divan £199
Knightsbridge 1000 Pocket Divan £299
4ft 6in Budget Divan Bed £99
Maxi Corner £499
Newhampshire 3+2 £799
4ft 6in Celine Frame Bed £259
Prado 4ft 6in Double Bed Frame £99
4ft 6in Memory Divan Bed £189
Charles 3 Door Wardrobe £179
Cameo Round Dining Set £199

JANUARY SALE NOW ON
HUGE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
From £[illegible]9

£200 TRADE IN ALLOWANCE FOR YOUR OLD SUITE

Tel: 01902 725725
Units 37-40 Park Lane Trading Estate, Off Cannock Road, Wolverhampton WV10 9JZ
www.suitesandbeds.com



SALE NOW ON

Up To 70% off High St Prices

Custom Handmade Sofas "made to measure"

Sofa FACTORY OUTLET

6 steps to buy your handmade made to measure sofa

Step 1 Bring your sizes to our showroom
Step 2 Select from 50 designs all available as corner sofas and bed sofas
Step 3 Choose from over 2000 fabrics
Step 4 Leave only a 10% deposit on your sofa
Step 5 Pay the remaining balance on delivery
Step 6 Save hundreds of pounds when buying direct from the manufactures

5.0 ★★★★★ Reviews

Hear our radio advert on Signal 107.7FM and Smooth Radio 105.7FM

Open all over the New Year

Buy British for Superior Quality
20 Years of Quality Manufacturing

Thomas Street, Wolverhampton
West Midlands WV2 4JS
Open; 10.30 - 5.30pm Monday - Saturday
Sun and Bank Holiday 11.00 - 4.00pm
OPEN SUNDAY
01902 425 225

KEEP WARM THIS CHRISTMAS
with
THE DEALMAKER
Brilliant Deals on All Heaters
"We always try to beat internet prices!!"

| | |
|---|---|
| 2000W Portable Fan Heaters | £9.99 |
| 1200W Halogen Heaters | £13.50 |
| 1500W Oscillating Heaters | £39.00 |
| 2000W Convection Heaters | £18.50 |
| 500W Five Thin Oil Filled Heaters | £19.99 |
| King Size Electric Blanket | £28.00 |
| Double Electric Underblanket | £18.50 |
| Single Electric Underblanket | £13.50 |

01902 424 700 or 01384 458 258
117 Salop Street, Wolverhampton WV3 0RX or
10 Castle Street, Dudley DY1 1LF

# Time to clean up mess and exit EU

JUST before the EU Independence Day Referendum in June 2016, not the Tory substitute called Brexit, the Prime Minister David Cameron went for a dinner at the EU tax payers' expense to try to negotiate a deal from the EU.

His failure to come back from the EU with anything credible, ended in the result that we voted to break free of the EU in the independence referendum.

Now our present PM has come back with nothing again. The independence day vote was June 23, Article 50 should have been sent by Cameron on June 24, we should fully leave the EU on June 23, 2018, no more deals, no more sterling beans heading east to EU Land, the party's over, time to clean the up mess and get back to work on the new free independent Great Britain and let the EU pay for their future dinners.

**G E FANTHOM**
Swindon

# Opinion not same as fact

I FEEL when a contributor presents an opinion as fact then they should be able to offer a link of some sort, to a respected website maybe?

Because if this opinion is misleading then surely every other part of that letter should be taken with a pinch of salt.

Pauline Poole gave us that opinion, suggesting that millions are lost when a city is granted European City of Culture status, and it would take years to repay the debt.

So, with a little research, I found out Liverpool replied to an FOI with this statement – cost £36m, gain to the city overall £800m.

With 3.5 millions visiting first time, and a large number of events, it appears that Liverpool council seems quite happy with the idea overall.

**PAUL NOBLE**
Wolverhampton

# EU may be surprised at reaction

WE were surprised when the Conservatives won the last but one election and astonished they risked another vote.

The Health Secretary had an unpleasant surprise as A&E queues increased, predictable because previously the family doctor was first responder on a 24/7 basis. It is surprising some MPs still prefer to swap their function as law-makers for an EU stamp.

Mark Carney was no doubt surprised when his threat of instant doom if we voted Leave did not materialise.

Unprecedented levels of personal debt caused concern at the Bank of England, but inflation at many times the record low interest rates was the incentive to borrow a maximum.

The EU, which has never given any account of how they have used hundreds of billions of pounds of UK taxpayers' funds, may be surprised at the reaction to their promises of punishment for choosing freedom.

**ALAN DAVIS**
Wolverhampton

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**POST**
Wolverhampton Chronicle, Chronicle Editorial, 51-53 Queen Street Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

**EMAIL**
wolverhampton.chronicles@expressandstar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Code of Practice:
Our policy is to correct errors as soon as we can. The Chronicles adhere to the Editors' Code of Practice, which can be seen at www.ipso.co.uk. If you are unhappy with the accuracy of a story, write to The Editor, Chronicles, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

ipso. For press freedom with responsibility

# Fine peanuts for Warnock

CARDIFF City's Neil Warnock has been fined for his abusive tirade at the fourth official during one of his side's matches.

The amount of his fine? £2,000, peanuts to people in his position. Perhaps a better idea would have been to ban him from his employer's premises for a few matches. The Wolves manager got a similar fine a few weeks ago for a 'disagreement' with an opposition manager – not an FA official.

Does Mr Warnock's punishment fit the crime? He does have 'form' for shenanigans at a football match. With someone showing such disrespect to the FA and its officials a small fine is not an encouragement to better behaviour in future.

**M GOUGH**
Wolverhampton

# Claiming PPI may cost you

ANYONE claiming for a Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) refund should be aware that even if you paid this insurance and were unaware, not told, or misled, you still cannot claim even if you have proof.

In certain cases the 'no win, no fee' policy only works if the company/bank etc applied the insurance themselves.

If the PPI was issued by, say, a broker for the company/bank/mortgage lender you cannot claim a single penny back, even if you can prove you paid the PPI with receipts, bank statements, payment statements etc. The PPI system and the broker has scammed you. So beware the PPI refund system – it could cost you money.

**DEREK GRIFFITHS**
Wolverhampton

# Millions could be saved if all the hospital trusts were more open

YOUR recent report on the extraordinary amounts of money being paid in compensation and litigation by Black Country hospital trusts due to clinical negligence doesn't address the underlying causes.

Some negligence claims involve compensatory awards that help the claimant to adjust their lives to their disabilities arising from the hospitals' negligence.

But many millions are wasted on unnecessary legal fees defending the reputation of the hospital in question but more pertinently, the reputations of the trusts' executive officers.

I lost a granddaughter at one such hospital in recent years and we witnessed the dreadful conditions that led to her sad demise, however, we were met with a solid wall of denial by the trust's executive officers, despite what we, as a family, had witnessed, they offered meaningless platitudes and obduracy.

No-one in the family wanted to sue our NHS, we all know just how starved of money services are, but in order to get to the truth and help prevent similar occurrences in future, litigation became the only option.

Millions could be saved if trust CEO's could bring themselves to be honest with complainants rather than try to cover things up all of the time.

**JOHN DAVENPORT**
Wolverhampton

# So sad over this TV ad

A TV advert inadvertently describes what Christmas has become to millions.

It shows a mum and dad telling their kids that they intend to hold a traditional Christmas Eve sitting by the fire, talking and singing carols. The kids look glum, but the parents laugh telling the kids they were pulling their legs and intended to buy a new telly, "because that's what Christmas is all about".

The sad thing about this is, they were right.

**JOHN DAVENPORT**
Wolverhampton

BETTA BUILDINGS
SHEDS • GARAGES • GARDEN ROOMS • LOG CABINS

The Dalbury Garden Room

Free Laminate Flooring & External Paint
Prices start from £2495

Wooden Sheds HUGE RANGE

A huge range in stock
from £274

Summer Houses FREE FITTING

A huge range in stock
from £599

Concrete Garages FREE FITTING

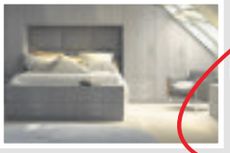
A huge range in stock
from £1657

• Old Buildings Removed
• Asbestos Disposal
• Base Laying Service
• Free Quotations
• Made to Measure
• Lined and Insulated Options
• Quality at Competitive Prices
• Huge Range

Show site (open 7 days): Tildasley Street, West Bromwich B70 9SJ (Next to Staples)
Visit our website: www.bettabuildings.co.uk
Call us now: 0121 553 4682
BETTA BUILDINGS

January Sale
Save upto 40%
Big Discounts on Sliding Robes & Furniture

Showroom Now Open!



must ring today

www.mystarmakeover.co.uk
01384 710168 - Free Home Quotations

# YOUR CHOICE BATHROOMS

"Our company is owned and run by local tradesmen meaning the work is carried out properly and on time. We strive to keep our prices as low as possible in order to keep within the budgets of retired, disabled and working families which make up 95% of our customers."

## YOUR ARMCHAIR GUIDE TO A NEW BATHROOM

- **DECISION** Phone us for a No Obligation Quote (Daytime/Evenings or Weekends)
- **QUOTATION** Design/Planning and Materials and Suites all chosen in your home and an on the spot price given
- **INSTALLATION** the job started and completed in around 5 days and left clean and tidy with all rubbish removed
- **INSPECTION** Everything is thoroughly checked with yourself at the end of the job to your satisfaction
- **COMPLETION** Only when you are delighted with the finished job, do we accept your final balance
- **RECOMMENDATION** We hope YOUR CHOICE will be your friends choice

JANUARY & FEBRUARY FITTING DATES NOW BEING RESERVED

FOR FREE FRIENDLY ADVICE AND A WARM WELCOME PHONE US NOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE SURVEY

VAT FREE IN QUALIFYING CASES

• 90x90 Quadrant Cubicle with low level tray
• 15 SQM Wall Tiles • Tiled Floor • Replacement Shower
• New Basin & WC

*EXTRA DISCOUNT FOR OUR RETIRED & DISABLED CUSTOMERS*

**EXAMPLE FULL JOB FOR £3950.00**

## DISABLED SPECIAL

Are you having problems getting in & out of your bath? We will remove the Bath & Fit an easy access low level round, square or oblong cubicle & Tiled inside. Supply a new replacement shower, a Folding Seat & Grab Rail

**ALL FOR ONLY £2150.00**

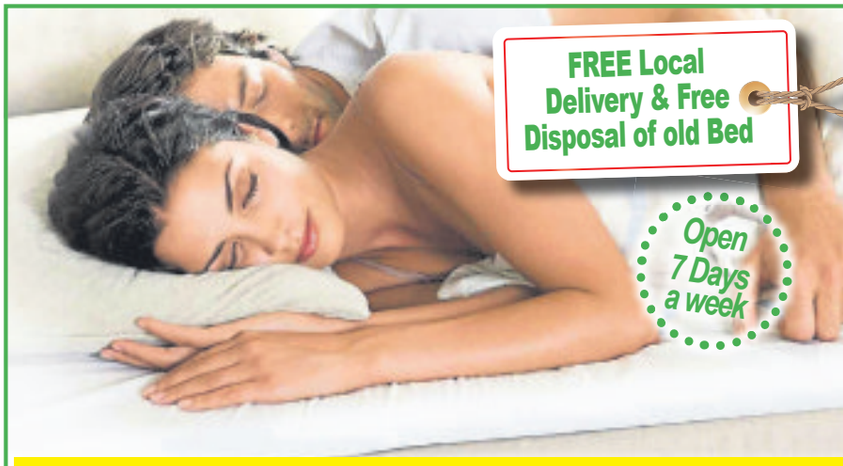
We will supply and fit a luxury chrome heated ladder rail worth £200 **FREE** with every bathroom fitted in January

39 Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 1TW **01902 861908**
Showroom also at: Unit 4, Charterfield Shopping Centre, Charterfield Drive, Kingswinford DY6 7SH **01384 287222**

VISA MasterCard

SHOWROOM OPEN 9am- 5pm 6 Days a Week | **www.yourchoice-bathroom.co.uk**





FREE Local Delivery & Free Disposal of old Bed

Open 7 Days a week

Massive savings on many beds and mattresses throughout the store

Kingsize bed/mattress for double price! On ALL Millbrook beds!!!

Stock ready for immediate delivery

WINTER SALE* NOW ON

UP TO 50% OFF

*IN STORE ONLY

ADMIRAL 2000. FIRMEST BED AT GREENS. 2 FREE DRAWERS ON ALL DIVANS PURCHASED.

4'6 ROME DIVAN SET. WAS ~~£249~~

**NOW £199**

4'6 HAMILTON & JAMES 2000 DIVAN.

WAS ~~£849~~

**NOW £549.**

SAVING OF £300

DOUBLE SILK SUPREME DIVAN.

WAS ~~£899~~

**NOW £549**

MASSIVE SAVINGS 1200 POCKET SPRINGS- DUAL TENSION. MEDIUM/FIRM

4'6 WHITE WOODEN BED FRAME

WAS ~~£179~~

**NOW £129**

Greens Bed Centre

Unit 9 Bilbrook Road, Bilbrook, Wolverhampton WV8 1EU
Tel: 01902 238558

Opening times:
Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm
Sat 9.30am - 17.00pm Sun 10am - 2pm
Website: greensbedcentre.co.uk
Email: sales@greensbedcentre.co.uk

FREE PARKING

DW Windows Ltd

WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORY CENTRE

BUILT ON QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY AND RELIABILITY

# JANUARY SALE NOW ON

## A massive 35% discount on all windows, doors and conservatories

on new Quotations only

## BUY NOW PAY LATER

*Completely Interest Free for 12 months*
*No Charges, No Fees, or Catches*
*Call Now for a Free*
*No Obligation Quotation*

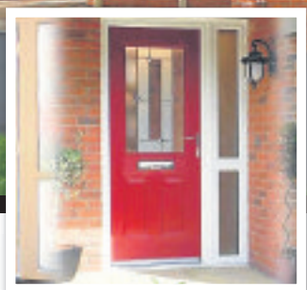
## WHY CHOOSE DW WINDOWS?

- *We're a family run business*
- *Our quotes are Free • No pushy salesmen*
- *We directly employ 6 of our fitting teams*
- *Our quality is second to none*
- *Trading for over 12 years*
- *One of the best showrooms in the Midlands*

## COMPOSITE DOOR OFFER

*Any standard composite door any standard colour Fully Fitted*

**£995***



COME AND VISIT US AT ONE OF THE MIDLANDS LARGEST SHOWROOMS

DW Windows are authorised and regulated by the financial conduct authority.
We are a credit broker not a lender

Not in conjunction with any other offer*

8 Meadow Lane (Off Shaw Road), Coseley, West Midlands, WV14 9NQ Tel: 01902 661779 | 7 Brick Street, Sedgley DY3 1NT Tel: 01902 662511 Stourbridge 01384 900 185

The Defiant Mk I is on proud display at RAF Cosford

# Second World War fighter plane wings its way back to full glory

By Robert Cox

A SECOND World War fighter plane – the only complete one of its kind – is now on display in its full glory after being reassembled.

The Boulton Paul Defiant Mk I, built at the Pendeford factory in 1938, arrived at RAF Cosford in December 2016. It was accessible to visitors from March but had until now remained incomplete.

Its assembly has now been finished and the two-seat turret fighter is parked proudly in the museum's 'War in the Air' hangar alongside a Spitfire and a Hurricane. The museum's model, serial number N1671, was operated by No 307 (Polish) Squadron RAF, and had its first operational flight in December 1940.

In October 1941 the aircraft was transferred to No 153 Squadron in Northern Ireland. In June 1942 it was transferred again to No 285 (Anti-aircraft Co-Operation) Squadron and used for simulated attacks to exercise anti-aircraft defences.

It was eventually acquired by the RAF museum in 1971 and after almost four decades on display at the museum's London site, the aircraft was completely restored by Medway Aircraft Preservation Society at Rochester Airport in 2009, going back on display at the museum in 2012.

# Caring pupils collect food bank donations

KIND-HEARTED schoolchildren have collected donations of food to help those in need.

Year 7 pupils at St Peter's Collegiate School in Wolverhampton handed over 60kg of food and household items to The Well, home of the Wolverhampton Foodbank.

Form tutor Natasha Rush said: "The Year 7's have taken an interest in how they can make positive differences to the local and national community. They have participated in non-uniform days for Compton Hospice and Children in Need as well as the poppy appeal for the Royal British Legion.

"The project that they have been engaged with in the past month is a reverse advent calendar project in which students are encouraged to bring in items of food and household items that can be donated to The Well for those who do not have enough."

# Gavin blocks attempts to rebrand the Army slogan

By Carl Jackson

**DEFENCE Secretary Gavin Williamson has halted plans to scrap the Army's 'Be the Best' slogan and its historic crest.**

The South Staffordshire MP was responding after an official document which had been leaked suggested the slogan and crest of depicting crossed swords, a crown and a lion were to be dropped as part of a £520,000 rebrand.

A Ministry of Defence (MoD) spokesman said: "The Defence Secretary believes that the British Army is the best of the best and has put these proposals on hold."

Gavin Williamson

According to reports, the team of the Army's most senior officer, General Sir Nick Carter, the chief of general staff, wrote a document entitled The Army Brand which circulated among senior officers and drew upon market research.

It said: "Market research in May 17 found that Be the Best did not resonate with many of our key audiences and was considered dated, elitist and non-inclusive. The ECAB, Executive Committee of the Army Board, therefore agreed that its use should be phased out as soon as affordably possible. The retirement of Be the Best will commence immediately with all planned refreshes of Be the Best branded material cancelled in favour of brand compliant products."

The document added that the slogan, which has featured since 1993, was never 'researched or defined'.

## Anger

The Army crest was also deemed to be 'non-inclusive' by advertising executives hired by the MoD, according to reports. It was to be replaced by a fluttering Union Jack with the word ARMY in bold type underneath.

Some officials claimed Mr Williamson's intervention would anger Army top brass who would feel undermined. However the rebranding project had been widely criticised.

Chairman of the Commons Defence Select Committee, Julian Lewis said: "Being the best is nothing to be ashamed of – it is a matter for pride and a very positive message to transmit. Why should we be afraid of excellence when we are constantly saying our Armed Forces are the best in the world?"

Colonel Richard Kemp, the former commander of UK troops in Afghanistan, said it was 'lunacy' to spend money on a 'futile' rebranding in the face of a reduced defence budget.

In response to criticism the MoD said: "Like all organisations we adapt our brand to make sure it is up to date."

# 6,000 caught driving while being distracted

MORE than 6,000 motorists have been caught at least twice for driving while distracted, including using a mobile phone, in the past four years.

Figures released by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency in response to a Freedom of Information request by the Press Association highlight the problem of repeat offenders. And more than 400 drivers were caught three times, 20 four times and three were even caught five times.

Motoring groups warned the figures illustrate how a perceived lack of enforcement means some drivers ignore the rules banning hand-held phone use.

The data relates to the number of CU80 endorsements held on driving records, handed out to drivers not in full control of their vehicle.

EXTRA discount off our already low SALE PRICES

Just for the start of our Winter Sale...
EXTRA discount & special opening offers
plus, a pay nothing until 2019,
low deposit, interest free credit option!*

INTRODUCTORY OFFER

Essentials Lille
Elegant distressed French Oak & stone painted finish collection
Range Starts From Only £175

Antigua Collection
Corner group including stool & scatters
WAS £1149 SALE £899
EXTRA discount price £749 SAVE £400

Assembly service available.

Laguna Collection
3 door robe in Sonoma oak finish
WAS £399
SALE £299
EXTRA discount price £199 SAVE £200

WILLIAM&SONS www.williamandsons.co.uk
Level Street, Merry Hill, Dudley West Midlands DY5 1UA T. 01384 77444

OPENING TIMES:
Monday - Friday 10-5.30pm
THURSDAY LATE NIGHT 10-8pm
Saturday 10-6pm
Sunday 11-5pm

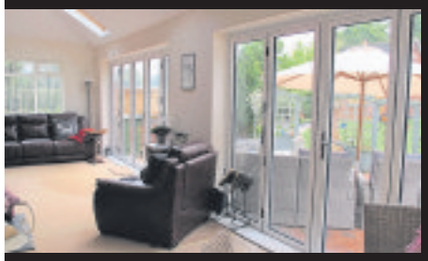
**0% APR Representative** *Low deposit Deferred Interest Free Credit option available on all orders over £500. All balances must be paid in full by the end of the first twelve months after delivery or collection as highlighted at the time of purchase. Written details available on request. Credit is subject to status. Terms & Conditions apply. Price Match Promise Terms & Conditions apply. Ask in store or see our website for further details. All offers subject to availability E&OE.

# JANUARY SALE NOW ON

## Up to 28% off all orders placed before the end of January!

(Offer available at time of quotation only)

**WE WILL BEAT ANY LIKE FOR LIKE QUOTATION***
(T & C's apply)



## After 36 Years of Trading, there really is no one else in the Frame

We are a professional, family run, local company installing quality windows, doors, conservatories and orangeries.
We pride ourselves on our high quality standards and that we can offer
all our customers total satisfaction on whatever you need.

# Wombourne Windows™

ORANGERIES AND CONSERVATORIES

**For more information call us now on**

**Freephone 0800 085 8518**

**or visit our website at www.wombourne-windows.co.uk**

Morlock House, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, South Staffs WV5 0AL

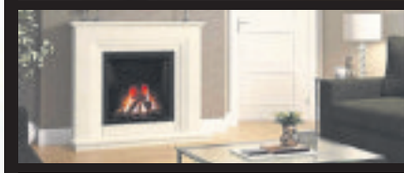
Showroom Opening Hours Monday - Thursday 10am - 6pm, Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm, Closed Sunday

**Authorised and regulated by the financial conduct authority. We are a credit broker not a lender. We offer credit facillities from one lender.

FENSA No 1670 · storm · HomePro

WOLVERHAMPTON
FIREPLACES & STOVES
TEL: 01902 422111

SALE NOW ON
ENDS 31st JANUARY



• FREE HOME CONSULTATIONS
• EXPERT PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE
• FREE DELIVERY
Expert fitting service from specialist gas safe installers

OVER 100 FIRES, FIREPLACES AND STOVES ON DISPLAY ACROSS OUR 2 STOREY SHOWROOM IN 5 THEMED ROOMS.

15 MERRIDALE ROAD, CHAPEL ASH, WOLVERHAMPTON WV3 9RX
WWW.WOLVERHAMPTONFIREPLACES.COM

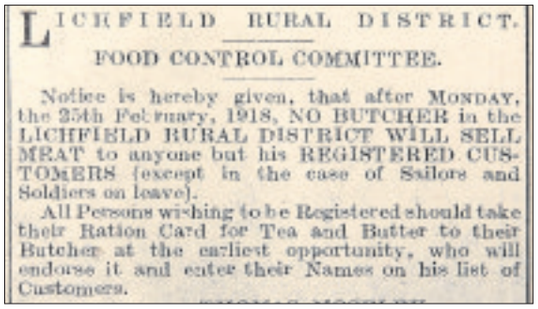
GREAT QUALITY FURNITURE AT GREAT PRICES

Get it together with...
MERRIDALE
furnishers

WINTER SALE NOW ON

✓ 2 man delivery to room of choice ✓ Space saving furniture range available
✓ Quality solid wood oak furniture ✓ 5 Star Reviews ★★★★★

We are located at 17-23 Merridale Road, Wolverhampton WV3 9RX
Tel: 01902 420699 Email: enquiries@merridale-furnishers.co.uk


LICHFIELD RURAL DISTRICT.

FOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE.

Notice is hereby given, that after MONDAY, the 25th February, 1918, NO BUTCHER in the LICHFIELD RURAL DISTRICT WILL SELL MEAT to anyone but his REGISTERED CUSTOMERS (except in the case of Sailors and Soldiers on leave).

All Persons wishing to be Registered should take their Ration Card for Tea and Butter to their Butcher at the earliest opportunity, who will endorse it and enter their Names on his list of Customers.

Rationing - food control committee notice from Lichfield

Karen Hunt, Archives Service volunteer Irene Moir and Gill Heath

Image showing the home front

A team of volunteers recruited to help research book

# How life went on while conflict raged abroad

**VOLUNTEERS have helped research a new book which reveals some intriguing facts about the Staffordshire home front during the First World War.**

## MEMORY LANE

By David Banner

Staffordshire's War contains personal accounts of how life in Staffordshire carried on while the conflict raged abroad.

While the Tommies battled in the trenches on the Western Front, people were fighting their own battles on the home front to feed their families and help keep the war effort going.

The war affected everyone. Edith Birchall, a young teacher, wrote in her diary of the novel experience of a Zeppelin raid on Staffordshire, while Ellen South collected 39 tons of waste paper for war funds.

Daily life became an increasing challenge for all. Families had to find a way to cope without their breadwinners. These included men in the Army and Navy but also interned 'enemy aliens' such as Bert Kemper – one of a handful of Germans from Tamworth interned in 1915. And, in Burton, a group of conscientious objectors like Edwin Wheeldon were sent to prison for their beliefs.

Others set aside their businesses for the duration of the war, like Albert Blizzard, a brick and tile manufacturer, who became the principal recruiter for the North Staffordshire regiments.

### Diaries

The daily lives of all these ordinary people and their families were changed by the Great War even though they never left Britain.

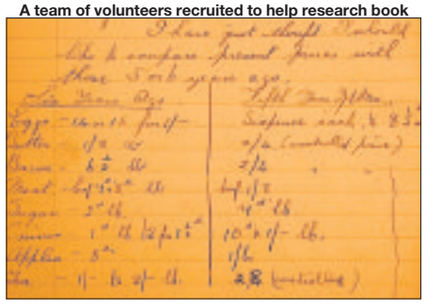
Now, 100 years on, eye witness accounts, diaries, letters and recently discovered official military tribunal papers have been pulled together for the first time, revealing the truth about the Staffordshire home front.

Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member for communities on Staffordshire County Council, who leads on the county's Great War commemorations, said: "This is a remarkable collection of personal accounts that gives us a really valuable insight about life on the home front in Staffordshire during the First World War.

"It shows us how ordinary people managed to survive in a new wartime economy which impinged on every aspect of their daily lives."

This was the first time that civilians were a crucial part of a new kind of warfare. Even though men, women and children in Staffordshire were far from the guns, their success in forming a resilient home front could make the difference between winning and losing the war.

Professor Karen Hunt, author of Staffordshire's War, said: "For the first time we have a local picture of what it was like to live through a war which in the end touched every home in the country."



Edith Birchall's note in her diary on rising food prices

Cpl Albert Blizzard set aside his business during war

You just won't believe it's still your old kitchen!

Why buy a brand new kitchen when our stylish range of replacement doors and worktops will **completely transform your old one in as little as 2 days!**

*"Excellent service, excellent fitting, delighted with the finished result..."*

**Mr B, Wolverhampton**

Visit us at: 281 Tettenhall Road, Newbridge, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, WV6 0LE

Call us **NOW** and **SAVE** on **01902 752200**

**www.dreamdoors.co.uk**

Checkatrade.com Where reputation matters
9.8/10 out of 216 reviews

- Quality made to measure custom-built doors and units
- Kitchen makeovers to full replacement kitchens - tailored to your needs
- Huge Choice of quality worktops, appliances, sinks and taps
- Installed by local skilled tradesman

FIND US ON

DREAM DOORS®
NEW LIFE FOR OLD KITCHENS

# Oakfurniture CLEARANCE

from £29

BEDSIDES

from £49

COFFEE TABLES

from £59

SIDEBOARDS

from £99

WARDROBES

from £299

TABLE & CHAIR SETS

## Sofashop CLEARANCE

**QUALITY SOFAS AT CLEARANCE PRICES!**

100% REAL LEATHER SOFAS

RECLINERS, ARMCHAIRS & MORE!

## DESIGNER STYLE SOFAS

from £149

UK'S LARGEST CLEARANCE

## SOLID HARDWOOD FURNITURE AT CLEARANCE PRICES!

# SALE NOW ON

WHILST STOCKS LAST

HUNDREDS OF ITEMS

UP TO 70% OFF

IN STOCK TO TAKE AWAY TODAY

FURTHER 10% OFF

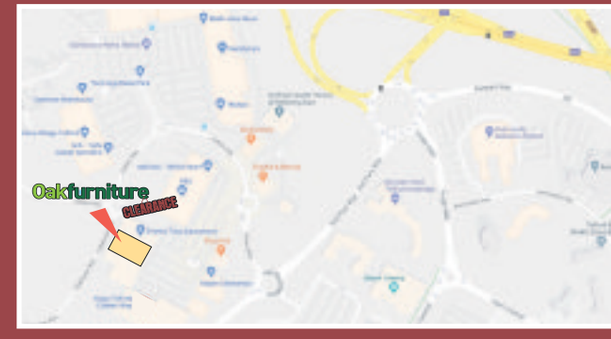
when you spend over £500.
Simply present this voucher in store.

**TELFORD BRIDGE RETAIL PARK • OLDPARK • TF3 4PB**
(NEXT TO SMYTHS TOYS SUPERSTORE)

CANCELLED ORDERS or SLIGHT IMPERFECTIONS • EX-DISPLAY • NEW STOCK DAILY

Monday - Friday 9am - 8pm, Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm

Images & prices shown are a representation of our constantly changing stock, actual stock may vary, please see in store for our latest clearance offers.



nishkamprimaryschool
wolverhampton

**Admissions for Reception open until 15th January 2018**

Phonics screening check Year 1 above local and National figures
KS1 in reading, writing and mathematics above local and National figures
Wraparound care from 7.45am until 5.30pm
Enrichment activities including sports, coding club, chess, tabla, martial arts and much more
Over 200 pupils: Only two years until full capacity
Part of a family of three Ofsted "outstanding" sister schools

**A multi-faith school for all**

NPSW brings together the school, family and community to form a lifelong bond. We value all our parents, staff and community members to making a difference in the lives of all our children. Our children are smartly dressed, well behaved, proud and yet humble to be part of the Nishkam family.

With a values-led curriculum you will find a calm and harmonious atmosphere in our school that enables children to learn in our lovely environment.

To visit the school and for further information please contact us on
T: 01902 554 900;
E: enquiries.npsw@nishkamschools.org
Great Brickkiln Street, Wolverhampton, WV3 0PR;
www.nishkamschool.org

to empower children with values, to enable them to excel academically & spiritually, to serve humanity selflessly, with an abundance of love, compassion, & forgiveness

# Nishkam Primary – offering pupils values-based lessons

Commercial feature

**Nishkam School offers excellence in education and inspire in children a passion for lifelong learning.**

The National Curriculum is enhanced and enriched with a focus on high academic aspiration and progression. SATS for Key Stage 1 in 2017 all were above local and national average, this shows the determination for pupils to excel academically as well as spiritually.

Mrs McSorley, Director for learning and teaching said: "Nishkam Primary School Wolverhampton's values-based model for learning encapsulates the importance of living life through a set of values in order to become a good human.

Nishkam (karma) meaning to serving selflessly without any expectation of anything in return. This is at the heart of our vision, to be able to educate our children so that they can rise above themselves to serve all of God's creations."

Mr Dhanjal, Headteacher said: "An education provides us with wisdom and service provides us with humility. The combination of these together becomes a positive force for good. This is the Nishkam motto 'Mann Neeva, Matt Uchi'. Teaching values such as compassion, truth, contentment, humility, love and forgiveness amongst many more is not just a mantra but an action. These actions can propel us as an individual and a group for greater good and help create a peaceful planet."

**Pupils at Nishkam Primary School Wolverhampton seen with their 'passports'**

The Nishkam Passport is a personal book which each child receives that has the 50 dispositions of the values based way of learning and growing.

The passport aims to help children and young people to navigate through values across a range of faith traditions. Inside, each value is explained with a definition, and signs of success are signposted for the children to see the ways in which they may learn and show each value at school and at home.

At Nishkam Primary School Wolverhampton children have opportunities to put their values into practice amongst each other and also to serve in the local community. Through charity work such as carol singing raising money for the Haven, harvest festival raising donations for the Good Shepherd and globally working with the Midland Langar Seva Society providing much needed donations to the less fortunate abroad.

**Adult and Community Learning in Sedgley**

**Rewarding, enjoyable, motivating and fulfilling courses at The Dormston Centre - your friendly adult education venue**

**Open Evening Tuesday 9th Jan 2018 6pm - 8pm**
**Enrolments can be taken on the evening or by telephoning 01384 816389**

Cake Decorating Beginners
Cake Decorating for Improvers
Coaching & mentoring
Computers for Improvers
Create your Own Website Healthy Cooking
Ebay – How to buy and sell
Fashion Sewing Beginners
Fashion Sewing for Improvers
Flower Arranging for Beginners
Flower Arranging Improvers
Gentle Keep Fit – All Saints
Gentle Keep Fit – St Andrews Church
Gentle Zumba – St Andrews Church
Guitar for Beginners
Guitar for Improvers
Healthy Cooking
How to Draw and Paint - improvers
Italian Follow on
Photoshop Elements
Pilates
Sign Language Level 1 & Introduction
Sign Language Level 2
Spanish Beginners
Spanish For Improvers
Spanish Follow on
Watercolours for Beginners

Dormston Sport&Arts CENTRE

The Dormston Centre
Mill Bank
Sedgley
Dudley
DY3 1SN
01384 816389

www.thedormstoncentre.co.uk

# Bosses 'struggling to recruit skilled staff'

MOST managers are struggling to recruit skilled workers and are expecting a "tough" 2018 amid continued uncertainty about Brexit, a new study shows. A survey of more than 1,000 managers found that fewer than one in three expected the economy to grow in the coming year.

The Chartered Management Institute (CMI) said its research found most businesses would focus on controlling costs in 2018 rather than investing in growth. Optimism among managers for the 12 months ahead was at the lowest for four years, while one in four of those questioned said their sense of job security had declined following the EU referendum.

Petra Wilton, director of strategy and external affairs at the CMI, said: "The decline in managers' optimism in the UK economy for 2018 is unsurprising given Brexit uncertainties. Managers are battening down the hatches, prioritising controlling costs over investing in development, particularly in their staff, but this short-termism feeds a vicious downward cycle

"We need to rebuild confidence and nurture growth through investing in people. Employers can break the downward cycle by investing in the next generation of leaders."

# Shoppers dig deep for Stephen charity

**Fundraising day – Jane Sutton and members of the Wolverhampton Bobsled Team**

GENEROUS shoppers at a retail park raised hundreds of pounds for charity through a fundraising day. Shoppers at Bentley Bridge Retail Park, in Wednesfield, raised a total of £539 as part of Stephen's Story, for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The money was collected as a fundraising day was held in memory of Stephen Sutton, of Burntwood, who died of cancer in May 2014. To mark the occasion on December 16, which would have been Stephen's 23rd birthday, his mother Jane was joined by members of the Wolverhampton Bobsled Team, Neil Hendy and Andy Newman.

## Honour

Speaking at the fundraising day, Andy said: "Neil and I knew it would have been Stephen's birthday.We thought it would be so fitting and an honour to be out fundraising with Jane today. I know Stephen would be very proud of her continuing his amazing work."

Neil added: "It's a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the legacy he created."

Stephen died at the age of 19 after being diagnosed with incurable bowel cancer at just 15.

To date, fundraising in Stephen's name has exceeded £5.6 million for the Teenage Cancer Trust and continues to grow as people donate in his memory.

# Next stop national finals for operator

A COACH operator has been shortlisted for two national awards.

National Express West Midlands is a finalist in two categories in the British Quality Foundation UK Excellence Awards – for employee engagement and innovation in sustainability and society.

The nomination is for its development of a mobile health bus that protects the wellbeing of its employees. The purpose-built bus, complete with a fully trained nurse and consultation rooms, visits National Express garages offering free health advice and support to all employees.

The National Express coach division has been shortlisted in the innovation in sustainability and society category for the impact of its Youth Promise. This includes National Express providing work experience for young people, staff volunteering their time to help youth charities and fundraising.

# Children under age of five are falling behind

**THE performance of young children in the Black Country is reported to be among the worst in the country.**

The four Black Country boroughs are all in the bottom 14 in the country in a table ranking the performance of children aged five and under.

The national figures suggest youngsters in the Black Country are getting off to a poorer start than elsewhere and could face a more challenging time when starting school.

Sandwell's children are struggling most, according to the research published by the Data Intelligence Unit, and is among the worst areas in the country for early years children displaying a good level of development.

The borough is near the bottom of the class – ranked 145th out of 151with Dudley 141st, Wolverhampton 140th and Walsall 138th. In stark contrast to its neighbours, Staffordshire is ranked 23rd in the country.

Councillor Val Gibson, cabinet member for children and young people at Wolverhampton council, insisted the years before children go to school are crucial for shaping their future. We've been aware we could be doing better in early years."

# Pregnant women smoking on the up

NEARLY a fifth of women in Wolverhampton smoke while pregnant – and the numbers are rising. Of the 914 pregnancies in April, May and June in the city this year, 173 mothers continued to smoke, the equivalent of 19 per cent – up from 17.6pc in the same period last year.

The NHS wants to reduce the number of mums-to-be who smoke to six per cent after the previous target of 11 per cent was achieved earlier this year. The rate of smoking mothers in the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group area has bucked the national trend of gradual improvement.

When a woman smokes it restricts the flow of oxygen to the unborn child, with a risk of complications during labour, increased risk of miscarriage and stillbirth.

winter
sale
up to
25%off
selected bedroom furniture*
Buy now and
pay nothing until 2019
or after 12 months spread the cost & pay monthly
19.9% APR REPRESENTATIVE

www.avantikb.co.uk

Why choose Avanti?

- **Bespoke service** - All furniture tailor-made in our own West Midland factory to suit your specific requirement
- **Customer service managers** available to help and advise you
- **No deposit, no stage payments, nothing to pay until we are ready to deliver -** *not including finance*
- 65% of sales from **returning customers and referrals** for each of the last 3 years

Avanti
Kitchens Bedrooms and Bathrooms
freephone: **0800 44 66 55**
317a **Penn Road, Wolverhampton** WV4 5QF Tel: 01902 629806

Credit is subject to application & status. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Avanti Fitted Kitchens Ltd, Avanti House, Hayes Lane, Lye DY9 8RD Ref: 734169 act as a credit broker and not the lender. Credit is provided by Hitachi Personal Finance, a division of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. *Conditions apply, minimum order value £2000

TIME FOR A NEW GARAGE DOOR?
GREAT NEWS!! YOU'VE GOT YOUR TIMING SPOT ON!

The Electronic roller-door is possibly the most popular garage door by a mile. There are obvious reasons why; space saving, extra width, extra height, neat and compact, totally secure, reliable and safe, maintenance free - the list goes on... Many companies charge between **£2500 and £3000 for a Rolling Garage Door. But when it comes to quality and price, We are possibly the best in the UK - by a mile!! We are one of the biggest UK door manufacturers. You will see, with us you will save yourselves ££££s for a truly fantastic new door.

**£2500! OUR PRICE £875!!

NOW ONLY £799

INCLUDING FITTING: LIMITED TIME ONLY

PREPARE TO BE IMPRESSED:

- Totally bespoke, made to measure!!
- We take away your old door FREE OF CHARGE
- Top quality electric operated rolling garage door
- Double skinned top quality insulated aluminium
- Totally maintenance free
- So neat & compacted & space saving, giving you extra width & extra height
- White as standard, other colours available
- Roller garage doors, absolute top quality garage door, for lower than UK high street DIY retailer

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SPECIAL DEAL

CALL NOW 01245 360700
www.roller-shutter-doors-uk.com

# Creating a garland for festive time

## Coven WI

THE November meeting was well supported. The president welcomed members and visitors, Jerusalem was sung and all formal business was concluded.

Jacqui Johnston was welcomed to present a Christmas garland demonstration. She represents Keepers Lane Nursery in Codsall, a family run business for over 30 years.

Jacqui brought along the flora, fauna and products needed to create a front door garland and took everyone through the mechanics of producing the finished product, encouraging questions and answers. She gave tips on adorning the garland and a quick demo on bow making.

She then went on to construct a beautiful evergreen swag. She runs workshops at the nursery for budding enthusiasts. There were also a good variety of reasonably priced plants for sale.

The meeting proved to be an enjoyable evening, culminating with a raffle and refreshments.

Clare Jones came first in the best dressed candle competition and Happy Birthday was sung to long-standing member Maureen.

On December 11 the ladies joined other WI members at Brewood for a carol service. One Coven member gave a reading and mince pies followed.

The Christmas party was on December 12 at Coven Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, with entertainment.

# A fair old time with history of showmen

## Penn TG

URSULA McInnes welcomed everyone to the last meeting. Minutes were read and a list passed round for the bring and share Christmas party. Members were reminded to bring a plate, dish, knife, fork and spoon and a present to the value of a pound.

Ned Williams was introduced with his title for the evening 'Life of the Fairground'. November 8 was the end of the season, when the fairground people would return to their yards to repair and paint their equipment ready for the start of the next season on February 14. Following on tradition, each family has its own colours and worked to pass on their business to their children, usually starting them off with a small stall such as a coconut shy when they married.

Many fairground children only went to school between November and March. Some of the older showmen/women didn't want to be left behind in the yards when their health deteriorated, so when the new season started they would continue to travel round the fairground sites doing small jobs.

Gardening group had a coffee morning, planned the Christmas lunch menu and then had a quiz on national flowers.

Social Studies speaker was Dr Michael Jones talking on the mystery of mistletoe. Many myths and legends surround mistletoe and it can be found on wood carvings in churches and on coats of arms. It was interesting to hear that it wasn't just a bit of fun at Christmas.

# Environmental issues debated

## Wombourne Scientific Society

THE first part of the evening had an emphasis on railways, and the associated skills for renovation and refurbishment.

David paid tribute to his father who built a working model steam engine in his shed, Graham described with photos the processes of restoring a kitchen composite rail carriage at the Severn Valley Railway, while Derek told of his boyhood affection for 'Big Bertha' on the Lickey Incline.

Other talks were concerned with environmental issues. John reminded everyone of the worst man-made disasters: Seveso in Italy, Guiyo in China, Bhopal in India etc. Many have caused birth defects. Ben reported on his trip to Kazakhstan, aiding research on the Saiga antelope, their existence threatened by climate change.

Mike closed the evening with his teasingly entitled talk 'V'iagra, a picturesque tour of the Niagra Falls, with a compelling account of the geological and hydrological features leading to the St Lawrence Seaway.

The next meeting is on Thursday, January 18, at the Wombourne Community Centre at 7.30pm. John Pittwood will ask, "Where Did My Bag Go?"

Guests welcome £3. New members £10.

# Party time to mark 40 years

## Perton WI

PERTON Women's Institute held a party on November 7 to celebrate 40 years.

It featured an afternoon tea for 40 people at Wolverhampton Boat Club.

This included founder, past and present members.

Members from other WIs also joined in the celebrations. Jessie Bolas, a very talented singer, entertained everyone with 70s tunes and songs from the shows. It was a wonderful occasion and enjoyed by all.

Childcare places now available

SALISBURY STREET Day Nursery

LITTLE WALKERS Day Nursery

FREE EARLY EDUCATION FUNDING

- 15 HOURS FOR ELIGIBLE TERRIFIC FOR TWO'S
- 15 HOURS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD'S
- 30 HOURS FOR ELIGIBLE 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD'S

Ofsted Good rating

Please call to arrage a viewing and to meet our friendly experienced staff

Our nurseries offer a range of facilities including:

- Affordable childcare
- Exciting indoor and outdoor play areas for children's learning and development
- Tapestry children's learning journal
- Freshly prepared meals (made on premises)
- Car parking spaces available
- NHS Discount
- 10% discount for siblings who attend nursery full time
- We also accept childcare vouchers

Opening Times: 7:30am to 6pm
Monday to Friday

1 Salisbury Street, Wolverhampton WV3 OBG
TEL: 771000 www.ssnn.co.uk

92 Trysull Road, Finchfield, Wolverhampton WV3 7JF
www.littlewalkersnursery.co.uk TEL: 343224

# Teacher who inspired hundreds dies at 67

**TRIBUTES have been paid to a former teacher who inspired hundreds of youngsters across the city with his love for learning.**

Dr George Frith spent decades trying to transform the lives of his students by sharing his passion for education with young people in Wolverhampton.

He died, aged 67, at the city's New Cross Hospital on December 13 following a battle with pneumonia and sepsis. Daughter Lois Frith, an English teacher, said: "People have been calling up and saying what an impact he had on their life.

Dr George Frith

"He had quite a difficult start to his life but he always felt it was education that was going to enable him to lift himself out of that. I'm a teacher because I heard him, for so many years, talking about the importance of education and the values he had."

Dr Frith was born in St. John's, Antigua, in 1950, but was separated from his siblings when a foster family brought him to England eight years later.

He studied for a Bachelor of Education at Westminster College, Oxford, before coming to Wolverhampton in 1974. The father-of-two's first teaching stint was at the city's Highfields School, later becoming head of year at Moreton School and gaining a master's degree in history at the University of Wolverhampton.

Dr Frith, who lived with wife-of-38-years Pat in Finchfield, went on to become a lecturer at the university in 1986 and was awarded a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Manchester in 1994.

He was also a governor at Wolverhampton Girls' High School.

## Homeless served treat

From left, Zara Sands, with Ian Davies, helpers Sue Vincent and Sarah Bell, Outreach for Wolverhampton and Sean Downes

DOZENS of people helped make to Christmas special for the homeless by throwing a party for them.

Volunteers gave out hot food, drinks and gifts – as well as Christmas crackers at the Soup Kitchen at Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton

The event was run by Wolverhampton Outreach and organisation Helping Hearts for the Homeless. Food was provided by Living Water Coffee Shop based on Stafford Street in Willenhall.

Zara Sands who runs Helping Hearts for the Homeless said: "It meant so much to see the smiles on people's faces, knowing that we made a difference."

More than 30 Christmas dinners were served. A Living Water Coffee Shop statement said: "Many of the people served were really thankful for what was laid on for them."

Shropshire Gas

Buy Any New Worcester Bosch Boiler

And Get 4 Years, Interest Free Credit!

Covering all types of heating systems...

Installation | Fires & Stoves | Gas Boiler Replacement | Central Heating System | Installation | LPG Heating Systems | Oil Heating Systems
Breakdown Cover | Gas Safety Checks | Chimney Sweeping | Gas Fire Servicing

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM AT: BRIDGE ROAD WELLINGTON TELFORD SHROPSHIRE TF1 1RY
12 HIGH STREET MARKET DRAYTON SHROPSHIRE TF9 1QB
TELEPHONE: (TELFORD) 01952 259019 or (MARKET DRAYTON) 01630 656161

NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY!
MASSIVE RANGE OF QUALITY SECONDS FURNITURE AT OUTLET PRICES

Unit 4 Wednesbury Trading Estate WS10 7JN | Opening times - Mon - Fri: 12-8pm | Sat: 9-6pm | Sun: 10-4pm

Delivery: £10 local, outside 5 miles is £20 & £45 outside 40 miles

# We are proud to welcome St Benedict Biscop CE Primary School and Woodfield Infant and Junior Schools as our newest schools to St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust.

St Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust

St Benedict's and Woodfield have made significant progress and are supported by St Bartholomew's CE Primary, an Outstanding school in Penn, Wolverhampton.

**We're on an exciting journey - will you join us?**

**Arrange a visit to find out more!**

**St Benedict Biscop CE Primary School,**
School Road, Wombourne,
WV5 9DZ
Tel: 01902 892197
E-mail: office@st-benedictbiscop.staffs.sch.uk

**Woodfield Infant and Junior Schools**
Woodfield Avenue, Penn, WV4 4AG
Tel: 01902 558835/558635
Email: woodfieldinfantschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk / woodfieldjuniorschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

**St Bartholomews's CE Primary School**
Sedgley Road, Penn, Wolverhampton
WV4 5LG
Tel:01902 558855
E-mail: stbartholomewsprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

## Star Reader Travel

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle in association with Omega

### London
Capital Bargain Break

**Departing Saturday 12 May**
from Dudley & Wolverhampton

**Price Includes...**
- ✔ Return coach travel
- ✔ 1 night DBB at a selected hotel, Heathrow area
- ✔ Free time in London

2 Days by Coach — only £99

### The Houses of Parliament

**Departing Saturday 12 May**
from Dudley & Wolverhampton

**Price Includes...**
- ✔ Return coach travel
- ✔ 1 night DBB at a selected hotel, Heathrow area
- ✔ Admission to the Palace of Westminster on Saturday, with self-guided audio tour
- ✔ Free time in London on Sunday

2 Days by Coach — only £139

Coach package holidays are subject to Omega Holidays terms and conditions and are protected by a bond held with ABTA (No.V4782). Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices shown are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twin room. Single supplements apply.

For more information or to book, please call: **03300 130 051** Quote **OMRT**
or visit online at: **omegabreaks.com/RT**
033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.
ABTA Travel with confidence ABTA No. V4782

## Star Reader Travel

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle in association with Omega

### Ideal Home Show

**Departing Saturday 24 Mar**
from Dudley & Wolverhampton

**Price Includes...**
- ✔ Return coach travel
- ✔ 1 night DBB at a selected hotel, Heathrow area
- ✔ Admission to the Ideal Home Show on Sunday, with coach transfer
- ✔ Free time in London on Saturday

2 Days by Coach — only £99

### Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

**Departing Saturday 7 Jul**
from Dudley & Wolverhampton

**Price Includes...**
- ✔ Return coach travel
- ✔ 1 night DBB at a selected hotel, London area
- ✔ Admission to the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, with coach transfer

2 Days by Coach — only £149

Coach package holidays are subject to Omega Holidays terms and conditions and are protected by a bond held with ABTA (No.V4782). Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices shown are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twin room. Single supplements apply.

For more information or to book, please call: **03300 130 051** Quote **OMRT**
or visit online at: **omegabreaks.com/RT**
033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.
ABTA Travel with confidence ABTA No. V4782

# Welcoming in New Year with a bundle of joy

**THERE was no better way to start 2018 for elated couples who welcomed New Year Day babies.**

Ana Rose Dos Santos, from Heath Town, had her waters break five minutes before midnight on New Year's Eve.

Mrs Dos Santos, who is an administrator at Jaguar Land Rover, said: "I am so happy, but a little bit shocked as Aksah Milena was not due until next week.

"I was not expecting it yet. My waters broke around midnight and then I had a caesarean, meaning Aksah was born at 6.18am on New Year's Day.

"I have family in Antigua and Brazil but I am not sure if they will be coming over to visit."

Mrs Dos Santos also has three other children, who were excited to see their new baby sister.

## Special

Meanwhile, Sana Khan, 29 and Yasir Khan, 30, from Whitmore Reans, saw baby Abdul Hanan arrive at around 2.45am. He was due to be born on Boxing Day.

Mr Khan, who works at Asda, said: "We were very stressed when we found out that it could be a New Year birth. It was a hard birth and Sana had a caesarean, but this is incredibly special to us."

Mrs Khan, who is a teacher at a mosque, said: "I had some pain after I was induced but it was worth it in the end.

"The name that we want for the baby at the minute is Abdul Hanan but there may be other names we consider too. "This is our first child after being married for six years."

Staff at New Cross Hospital, in Wolverhampton, said that the New Year shifts had gone well, with only four babies born in the early hours of New Year's Day. And a week earlier families enjoyed a double celebration as the arrival of a newborn baby added to their Christmas Day joy.

Romanian Adriana Niculescu, aged 27, who lives in Chapel Ash and works as a nursery nurse in Codsall cuddled 8lbs 6oz Darius, who was born at New Cross Hospital at 3.03am and said: "Christmas Day was his due date and he was determined to make it his birthday. When I rang my parents in Romania with the news they were overjoyed, just like us."

Lauren Walker, 19, and shopworker Zak Fullwood from Low Hill were given a special bauble by New Cross staff to hang on their Christmas tree in coming years to mark the arrival of their son Tyler-Jay at 7.45am, weighing 8lbs 4oz.

Mother Ana Rose Dos Santos with Aksah Milena Dos Santos

Baby Abdul Hanan, son of Sana and Yasir Khan

Adriana Niculescue and Catalin Negrila with baby Darius

Proud parents Lauren Walker and Zak Fullwood with Tyler-Jay

be inspired with Slimming World

FREE membership* plus new week-by-week weight loss planner
*when you buy a 12-week Countdown 24th Dec 2017 - 20th Jan 2018

slimmingworld.co.uk
0344 897 8000

MONDAY
*OPEN BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS*
****NEW GROUP STARTING 1ST JANUARY****
MOXLEY
Moxley People Centre
3 Queen Street @ 7.30pm
Contact Debbie 07850 243096
WEDNESBURY
Central Methodist Church (Wesley Centre)
Spring Head @ 7.30pm
Contact Richard 07535 025298

TUESDAY
BRADLEY
St Martin's Church
Slater Street, @ 9.30am and 11.30am
Contact Pippa 07816 900149
BRADLEY
St Martin's Church
Slater Street, @ 5.30pm and 7.30pm
Contact Sarah 07714 743278

WEDNESDAY
WEDNESBURY
St Barts Church Hall
Bttm Church Hill @ 5.30pm and 7.30pm
Contact Jenny 0121 556 5909
****NEW CONSULTANT STARTING 3RD JANUARY****
WEDNESBURY
St Luke's Church, Elwell Street, Mesty Croft, 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Contact Heidi 07972 530778
LOW HILL
Low Hill Community Centre, Kempthorne Avenue @ 9.00am
Contact Audrey 07500 057769
****NEW CONSULTANT STARTING 3RD JANUARY****
BILSTON
Lunt Community Centre
Lunt Road @ 7.30pm
Contact Alison 07736 781487

THURSDAY
WEDNESBURY
St Bart's Church Hall,
Bttm Church Hill @ 9.15am
Contact Jenny 07751 259593
WEDNESBURY
Lea Brook Church Hall
Leabrood Road North @ 7.30pm
Contact Lin 07902 079559
BILSTON
Bilston Baptist Church
Prouds Lane @ 7.00pm
Contact Audrey 07500 057769

SATURDAY
WEDNESBURY
Lea Brook Church Hall,
Leabrook Road North @ 8.00am
Contact Lin 07902 079559
BILSTON
Bilston Baptist Church
Prouds Lane @ 8.00am
Contact Audrey 07500 057769
Or just come along

**Job opportunities for past and present members in this area contact Jenny on 07751 259593 for more details.**

Slimming World®
touching hearts, changing lives

DON'T throw out costly cabinets when you can re-use them!
We Can Replace the Doors
Doors & More
Opening Times
Monday - to Friday 10am - 5.30pm
Saturday 10 - 4pm
Closed Sunday
01384 293654

Modernise Your Kitchen
Lets make it happen this year - with the No.1 made to measure experts

NEW STYLES For 2018
Buy 2 Get 1 Free
"Plus FREE SoftClose Hinges"
January Sale
Buy 2 get 1 Free
Over 40 Styles & Colours
www.iudk.co.uk.
Next to Sainsburys - Wordsley Green Stourbridge
0800 088 7044
Add Value to your home with our amazing concept

Springhill Mobility
For all mobility requirements Telephone: 01902 546549

Cosyfeet
extra roomy
• Free Outside Parking
• Delivery Service Available
• Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-1pm
Shop 1, Springhill Lane, Penn, Wolverhampton WV4 4SH
01902 546549

Built and operated by Places for People Leisure Ltd in partnership with City of Wolverhampton Council.
CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL
#getmoving

NEW YEAR SPECIAL OFFER!
Gym • Swim • Classes
£20.18
Join for £20.18 and pay nothing more until 1st February
Offer only available 1st - 9th January 2018
www.placesforpeopleleisure.org
Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre
01902 384777
Contact us or join online quoting NEWYR2018
Whatever place you're into
places for people
Terms and conditions apply.

CLARACH BAY HOLIDAY VILLAGE ABERYSTWYTH
FANTASTIC NEW DEVELOPMENT
PRICES FROM £25,000
30 NEW PLOTS AVAILABLE FOR LODGES AND CARAVANS.
STILL GREAT OFFERS ON THE REST OF THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, CARAVANS FROM £8,995 & CHALETS FROM £5,995.
(prices includes 2018 site fees)
11 MONTH SEASON, PIPED GAS, 2 CAR PARKING, LOTS OF OPEN SPACE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
PHIL 01970820579
sales@clarachbay.com

NOW ON
WE WILL NOT BE BEATEN ON PRICE FOR THE SAME SPECIFICATION
HIGH QUALITY COMPOSITE DOORS
Our high security Composite Door with the look and feel of a timber door but with the easy maintenance of a UPVC door.
Choose from our wide variety of colours and styles...
Look for this label for your 'A' rated window, or ask us for more information
A RATED WINDOWS
✓ 'A' Rated Windows
✓ 'High security internal beading
✓ 'Multi point shootbolt locking
✓ 'Secured by Design available
✓ 'Key locking handles
✓ 'Double weather seals
EVENING AND WEEKEND APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
WOLVERHAMPTON GLASS
Pelham Works, Pelham St, Wolverhampton
Tel: 01902 773831 Mob: 07989 971261
www.wolverhamptonglass.co.uk
Open: Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm

WOOD NOOK
CARAVAN PARK
In the heart of the beautiful Yorkshire Dales
Holiday homes for hire and for sale on the park
Touring Caravans, Tents, Motorhomes
Sheltered valley setting, just 2 miles from Grassington, ideal for walking and touring in the Dales
WiFi available across the park
Online Booking Available
www.woodnook.net • info@woodnook.net
Wood Nook Caravan Park, Skirethorns, Threshfield Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 5NU
Tele: 01756 752412 • Fax: 01756 752946

A B Mechanical Services
Andy Benfield M.I.M.I
Fully Qualified
Mobile Mechanic
Car and light vehicle mechanic,
Servicing and repairs at home or work
Roadside Assistance availiable
All Work guaranteed
A FULL SERVICE WILL RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY BULB KIT
Call Now on: 07836 762300

Check us out online at
www.derosawindows.co.uk
www.derosaroofing.co.uk
De Rosa INSTALLATIONS LTD
Est 1997
or call us on 01902 897111
9.53
1000 customers independently Surveyed by Home Pro Fair Trades rated us 9.53
PROUD TO BE IN OUR 22ST YEAR OF BUSINESS.
WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON BUILDING A PROFESSIONAL AND TRUSTWORTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS.
We Never Take Deposits Payment only on completion
Unit 42, Wombourne Enterprise Park, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, WV5 0AL
CALL US ON: 01902 897111
FENSA
www.derosawindows.co.uk • www.derosaroofing.co.uk

interiorsitalia
...luxurious contemporary living...
www.interiorsitalia.com
Three Amazing Floors of Style and Choice
Opening Times: Mon-Sat 9am - 6pm
Sun & Bank Holidays 11am - 4pm
79a Darlington Street, Wolverhampton
Tel: 01902 428489

CHRONICLE
mna media

## JANUARY

| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

## FEBRUARY

| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | |

## MARCH

| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

## APRIL

| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

## MAY

| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

## JUNE

| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

2018

Family Business Established for over 12 Years
Wolverhampton Fireplaces & Stoves
Special Offer Available in store
CALL NOW FOR DETAILS
Over 100 Fireplaces, Fires and Stoves on Display across our 2 Storey Showroom in 5 Themed Rooms
• FREE SURVEYS • FREE DELIVERY
• EXPERT FITTING SERVICE
Branches at Wolverhampton, Stafford and our new branch at Cannock
Opening Times: Mon-Sat 9.30am till 5.00pm Sun 11.00am-3.00pm
TELEPHONE: 01902 422111
15 Merridale Road, Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton WV3 9RX
see more at www.wolverhamptonfireplaces.com

QUALITY SOLID OAK WOOD FURNITURE
Get it together with...
MERRIDALE FURNISHERS Ltd.
17-25 Merridale Road, Wolverhampton WV3 9RX
Tel: 01902 420699
enquires@merridale-furnishers.co.uk

BOXLEYS
Award Winning Butchers
Staffordshire Selected Meats
Prize Winning bacon, pies & sausage
FROM A LOCAL BUTCHER YOU KNOW YOU CAN TRUST
Gluten Free Range Now Available
Please Call in For Details
Windmill Bank, Wombourne, Wolverhampton
Tel: 01902 892359
www.boxleys.co.uk

SCRAP METAL WANTED
TOP PRICES PAID FOR ALL TYPES OF METAL
Copper - Brass - Aluminium - Lead - Stainless Steel - Nickel Alloys - Tungsten, Copper Electrical Cable - Electric Motors - Phosphor Bronze - Gunn Metal - Bronzes - Swarfs - Metal Runnings - Residues - Precious Metals
PROMPT PAYMENTS
MOORE STREET METALS
67/69 Moore Street, Wolverhampton WV1 2H4
Tel: 01902 453144 Fax: 01902 458734
CROWN STREET METALS
Crown Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1PX
Tel: 01902 455613 Fax: 01902 458734

SedgleyGlassLtd
One Call Does It All
Quality UPVC Windows & Doors
Aluminium Windows & Doors
Secondary Glazing Systems
Bespoke Hardwood Joinery
Energy Saving Glazed Units
Solar Control & Safety Film
Tempered & Safety Glass
Replacement Glazing
Mirrors
01902 422 295
Email: sedgleyglass@googlemail.com
www.sedgleyglassltd.co.uk
ST LUKE'S WORKS, PARK STREET SOUTH, WOLVERHAMPTON WV2 3JH

MASSIVE SAVINGS ALL YEAR ROUND ON ALL WINDOWS, DOORS AND CONSERVATORIES.
Visit one of the leading Midland double glazing showrooms and you wont be disappointed in what you see.
Six conservatories two orangeries, two porches, 27 doors, three sliding patios, two bifold doors, sliding sash windows.
DW Windows
BUILT ON QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY AND RELIABILITY
WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORY CENTRE
8 Meadow Lane (Off Shaw Road), Coseley, West Midlands, WV14 9NQ Tel: 01902 661779
7 Brick Street, Sedgley DY3 1NT
Tel: 01902 662511 Stourbridge 01384 900 185
www.dwwindows.co.uk
Freephone: 0800 9990909

PRICE BUSTER!
..and it comes with FREE local delivery!
ONLY £99 complete
CLASSIC 3' DIVAN
£149 for 2 drawer
£129 for slide store
£79 for mattress only
CHOICE OF BEDS IN STORE TO CHOOSE FROM
*excludes headboard
Ron's Furnishers
40 yrs reputation built on quality, trust and service
13-14 Marsh Lane Parade, Fordhouses, Stafford Road, Wolverhampton WV10 6RT
Tel 01902 783847
www.ronsfurnishers.co.uk

Join a warm and friendly group near you today...
love life
love Slimming World
For advice on local classes call Dawn Rayson on 07756 234690
save up to £5 - ask in group for more details
Slimming World
touching hearts, changing lives

WTR
DAY HIRE & LONG TERM LEASE
01902 457002
LOW COST VAN HIRE WITH A First Class service!
For Prompt Attention Call:
01902 457002 or 01384 79090

8 PAGE PULLOUT

# WEDDING COLLECTION 2018

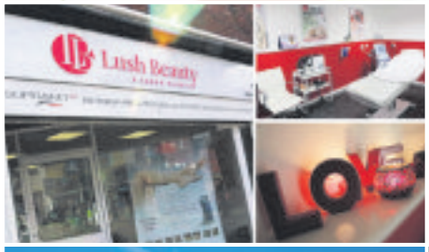
YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE SHOWCASING THE BEST WEDDING BUSINESSES IN THE REGION

# WEDDING COLLECTION 2018

In association with... Lush Beauty & LASER CLINIC

INTRODUCING YOUR 8 PAGE WEDDING COLLECTIONS SUPPLEMENT 2018 SHOWCASING A COLLECTION OF BUSINESSES WHO ARE EXPERTS IN THE WEDDING INDUSTRY WITH A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

LUSH BEAUTY & LASER CLINIC




SLIMMING WORLD

RAMADA PARK HALL HOTEL & SPA

PATSHULL PARK HOTEL

TREARDDUR HOLIDAY BUNGALOWS

GORGEOUS NIGHTCLUB

THE MOUNT HOTEL

THE PRINCE ALBERT

GORGEOUS
WOLVERHAMPTON'S LATEST!

2018
OPENING TIMES

THURSDAY 12-6AM
JAMES LEVETT + GUESTS
FREE ENTRY B4 1AM | £3 AFTER
EARLYBIRD DRINKS FROM £1

FRIDAY 12-6AM
JAMES BALL + GUESTS
FREE ENTRY B4 1AM
EARLYBIRD DRINKS FROM £1

SATURDAY 12-6AM
JAMES LEVETT + GUESTS
FREE ENTRY B4 1AM
EARLYBIRD DRINKS FROM £1

KEEPING WOLVERHAMPTON OUT SINCE 2009!

SCHOOL STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV1 4LF. 01902 771122.

ADVERTISEMENT

## A Hen or Stag Do that's Gorgeous

**There's one word that's synonymous with a night out in Wolverhampton Gorgeous!**

The multiple award winning venue is celebrating it's 9th year as part of the city's nightlife! Gorgeous is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays from Midnight until 6am! Yes 6am!

The club is also licensed until 6am every other day and is available to hire for private functions or promoters who want to launch their own night.

Gorgeous has a huge main room, a VIP bar that can be booked for an exclusive night out and a large outdoor terrace. DJ's play in all areas, mixing the latest chart and dance tunes with classic anthems and pop.

Earlybirds at the club benefit from free entry before 1am and drinks starting from just £1!

Gorgeous has brought some great live acts and PA's to Wolverhampton including Tinchy Strider, Joey Essex, Reggie & Bollie, Stooshe, and who can forget Jedward!!!

Keep checking the clubs Facebook page for the latest news and information www.facebook.com/gorgeousnightclub and make sure you're part of the Gorgeous gang!

ADVERTISEMENT

# Look your best on your Big Day

Slimming World Wolverhampton West Team would like to introduce to the area their newest members to the team Chris Congreave and Danielle Roberts. Both are slimmers who have lost over 12 stone following Slimming Worlds Extra Easy plan. They are now using their success to begin a brand new career helping other people to change their lives and achieve their weight loss dreams too.

Both Chris and Danielle have attended their top class consultant training at Slimming Worlds national training academy in Derbyshire. Chris is now ready to open his new group on Wednesday 3rd January at St Albans Church Griffiths Drive at 9am. Whilst the members of Fallings Park Methodist Church are looking forward to welcoming when Danielle takes over the group on Thursday 4th January at 5pm and 7pm.

Like Chris and Danielle Slimming World consultants are all former members who have lost weight at their local group. Dawn Rayson who runs Slimming Worlds Pickering Road group and manages the Wolverhampton West team as a team developer says Slimming World consultants are chosen for their positive outlook and because they genuinely care about the health and happiness of others.

Both of our new consultants have been very successful Slimming World members and know with their warm personalities and great sense of humour I just know they will be an amazing support to their members, cheering them all the way to target.

**NEW GROUP**
FROM 3RD JANUARY
WEDNESDAY, ASHMORE PARK
9AM
ST ALBANS CHURCH
GRITTITHS DRIVE
CHRIS 07940724294

**NEW CONSULTANT**
FROM 4TH JANUARY
THURSDAY FALLINGS PARK
5PM & 7PM
FALLINGS PARK METHODIST CHURCH
WIMBORNE ROAD
DANIELLE 07718183843

**NEW CONSULTANT**
FROM 29TH DEC
FRIDAY FALLINGS PARK
915AM
FALLINGS PARK METHODIST CHURCH
WIMBORNE ROAD
KIM 07900982494

**NEW GROUP**
FROM 6TH JANUARY
SATURDAY EAST PARK
830AM
EAST PARK METHODIST CHURCH
BROOKLANDS PARADE
JOHANN 07775908776

## be inspired with Slimming World

**MONDAY**

**SHORT HEATH**
9am & 11am
5pm & 7pm
Short Heath Methodist Church,
Wesley Road
Elaine 07939 818513

**OXLEY**
5pm & 7pm
Church of Epiphany C of E
Lymer Road
Jade 07545 558125

**LOW HILL**
7.30PM
Heart and soul Community
Training Centre
5th Avenue
Lisa 07429 583921

**PORTOBELLO**
5pm & 7pm
Portobello Church
New Street
Helen 07495647916

**WEDNESFIELD**
7pm
St Patrick's Church
Wolverhampton Road
David 07903 418911

**TUESDAY**

**BENTLEY**
3pm, 5pm & 7pm
St Andrew's Church
Wolverhampton
Road West
Liz 01902 351280

**BUSHBURY**
5pm & 7pm
London Midlands Railway Club
Bushbury Lane
Elaine 07939 818513

**EAST PARK**
5pm & 7pm
East Park
Methodist Chuch
Brooklands Parade
Johann 07775908776

**ESSINGTON**
5pm & 7pm
St John's Church Hall
Hill Street
Gill 07923 946145

**WEDNESFIELD**
7pm
Wednesfield
Methodist Church
Wood End Road
Helen 07495 647916

**WEDNESDAY**

**BREWOOD**
7pm
St Dominic's High School
Bargate Street
Dawn 07848 412313

**FALLINGS PARK**
5pm and 7pm
Old Fallings Park
Reformed Church
Old Fallings Lane
Debbie 07400 992662

**NEW INVENTION**
3pm, 5pm & 7pm
The Victory Club
Lichfield Road
Gill 07929 346145

**WEDNESFIELD**
3pm, 5pm & 7pm
Pickering Road
Community Centre
Pickering Road
Dawn 07756 234690

**WILLENHALL**
9.30am, 5pm & 7pm
Willenhall Chart Centre
Gomer Street
Liz 01902 351280

**THURSDAY**

**ASHMORE PARK**
5pm & 7pm
St Albans Church
Griffiths Drive
Tina 07891 733039

**BLOXWICH**
5pm and 7pm
Sneyd Community Association
Vernon Way
Kim 07900 982494

**FORDHOUSES**
5pm & 7pm
Fordhouses
Methodist Church
Winchester Road
Jade 07545 558125

**THE SCOTLANDS**
9.15am
The Big Venture Centre
Chesterton Road
Debbie 07400 992662

**WEDNESFIELD**
9.30am & 11.30am
Pickering Road
Community Centre
Pickering Road
Dawn 07756 234690

**FRIDAY**

**COVEN**
9.15am
Coven Memorial Hall
Brewood Road
WV9 5DL
Dawn 07848 412313

**SATURDAY**

**WEDNESFIELD**
8.30am and 10.30am
Wednesfield Methodist Church
Wood End Road
Debbie 07900 190270

slimmingworld.co.uk
0344 897 8000

Slimming World
touching hearts, changing lives

ADVERTISEMENT

# The Ramada park hall hotel offers more than first meets the eye

*An elegant outdoor civil ceremony, just one of many options at The Park Hall*

**Ramada Park Hall Hotel and Spa is one of the West Midland's most elegant wedding venues. The hotel is set within five acres of gorgeous landscaped gardens with spectacular views of the Staffordshire countryside. The Georgian hotel has a maximum capacity of 550, perfect for both large celebrations and more intimate events.**

The Ramada Park Hall Hotel and Spa has three unique suites which cater to weddings of different styles and sizes. The smallest suite, the Park & Dudley, can cater for up to 120 seated guests. The suite is stylishly decorated with Swarovski crystal studded wallpaper alongside Georgian artwork and marble flooring. The newly built Orangery can seat up to 150 guests and boasts stunning views across the landscaped Park Hall gardens. The Ballroom which is the largest suite, with the capacity for a huge 550 guests, is simply stunning. The beautiful room has exquisite, hand-made chandeliers and mirrored columns.

The hotel is licensed to hold civil ceremonies in door and outdoors giving you the option to marry in the stunning garden pagodas, so you can fully enjoy the charming countryside views.

The hotel has 74 rooms to accommodate your overnight guests, and the happy couple can enjoy a complimentary night's stay in one of our Executive rooms, or you can choose to stay in the Avondale Bridal Suite. Wedding guests also receive an additional 10% off if they stay at the hotel. While at the hotel, you can make full use of the Health Club and Spa facilities. Plus, with two superb onsite restaurants, you will be spoilt for choice.

We offer everything you could need and more for a perfect wedding celebration. The beautiful location, fantastic facilities, delicious cuisine and first-class service all ensure you will have the most unforgettable day.

- Grade II listed Georgian Hotel
- Small, intimate weddings and larger weddings for up to 550
- Licensed to hold outdoor civil ceremonies
- 74 bedrooms for overnight accommodation
- Two restaurants onsite
- Onsite health club and spa

Park Hall
HOTEL & SPA

## WEDDING OPEN DAY

Thursday 22nd February 2018 • 4pm – 9pm

- *Conference & Events Team available to discuss your requirements*
- *Various wedding layouts in all our rooms including the Park & Dudley Suite, The Orangery and The Ballroom*
- *Capacity for up to 550 guests*
- *License for indoor & outdoor Civil Ceremonies*
- *74 Guest bedrooms*
- *Newly refurbished reception and lounge area*
- *New Mirrors Bar*
- *Landscaped gardens*
- *Free parking*

**RECEIVE £500 OFF YOUR WEDDING IF YOU BOOK ON THE DAY**
*Minimum spend of £6000 applies*

*Call our Events Team on 01902 349549 for more details*

RAMADA WOLVERHAMPTON

Ramada Park Hall Hotel & Spa, Park Drive, Goldthorn Park,
Wolverhampton WV4 5AJ Tel: 01902 349549
Email: sales@ramadawolverhampton.com www.ramadawolverhampton.com

ADVERTISEMENT

## ADELE LOUISE WILL FIND YOU THE PERFECT GOWN FOR YOUR PERFECT DAY

A wedding gown is one of the most important purchases a Bride will have to decide for her big day and we believe the decision should not be made based on price but how the dress makes you feel. With a wealth of knowledge and experience within the business our team will help to find your perfect gown for your perfect day. We are a very friendly team and will do our very best to ensure you enjoy your appointment with us from the first visit to the day you collect your fabulous dress!

We are very pleased to be able to work with some amazing high-end designers including the British designers Suzanne Neville and Ian Stuart. In store we have over 150 sample gowns in stock for you to try on. We offer a diverse range of designer gowns including the timeless classics such as Princess, A-lines, as well as Fit and Flare, Fishtail and Slim Fit gowns. Whether you're going for "sexy chic" or "timeless classic" we have a dress for you!

In our boutique we can also cater for our fabulous curvy Brides as we have a wide range of sample sizes as well as the Callista range. Whether you're a size 8 or 28, we have gowns to suit all sizes, shapes and budgets.

For Brides who are getting married abroad, we have a variety of lightweight show stopping pieces for that perfect ceremony on the beach. We are very much at the forefront of what's on trend and what's going to be big for the next season. If you want to be ahead of the game?give us a call on 01902 399900 and book your bespoke appointment with a member of our fabulous team today!

- Advertisement -

## PATSHULL PARK, HOTEL, GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

*'The Perfect Venue'*

**At Patshull Park, we are very experienced in helping couples organise their perfect Wedding Day.**

We are conveniently located in the stunning Shropshire countryside between Telford and Wolverhampton and our beautiful grounds offer many opportunities for those perfect wedding photographs.

As an independent Hotel, Patshull Park has an excellent reputation for hosting Wedding receptions. From your initial enquiry, all planning and finer details of your wedding day are handled by our professional and dedicated team, ensuring your special day is a memorable one. With breathtaking scenery, fantastic food and experienced professional staff, you are sure to make the right choice when booking at Patshull Park.

The Dartmouth and Lewisham Suite which is situated at the front of the hotel, has spectacular views over the Great Lake. The flexibility of the Suite means that it is suitable for Wedding Breakfasts up to 120 and is also licensed to hold civil ceremonies. The Dartmouth and Lewisham Suite can also accommodate up to 200 guests for your evening reception.

Patshull Park prides itself on its unique mix of hospitality and service which can be tailored to suit your individual needs. So whatever your objectives for holding your wedding at Patshull Park, we are confident you will be impressed with our venue and service.

Join us to see Patshull Park in its fully glory at our Wedding Open Weekend, Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th January.From 10.00am - 3.00pm, you are invited to view our Wedding Suite as it would look on your special day. Entry is free of charge and our experienced team will be on hand to talk you through any questions you have.

**For further information, please call our Wedding Co-ordinator Rebecca Thomas on: 01902 700100 or email: rebecca.thomas@patshull-park.co.uk**

ADVERTISEMENT

# LUSH BEAUTY & LASER CLINIC HAS A WOW FACTOR

**Lush Beauty & Laser Clinic came to Wolverhampton 6 years ago taking the Old Vicars Flower shop building on Market Street. It has a wow factor that no other Clinic or establishment can boast to have not only with its clean, professional d cor all the way to its unique range of treatments but with being visited by celebrities including Stevothemadman, white yardie and love4daink.**

It holds 9 treatment rooms making it the city's largest Beauty Clinic but it doesn't just end there! The real diamond in their arsenal is the Laser hair removal machine, the award winning world-renowned Soprano Ice, which holds a massive eye watering price tag of 100,000. However, the treatment prices are the same or as competitive as a basic IPL treatment that all the other clinics offer so very good value for money.

The clinic offers a wide range of other beauty treatments, such as:

- Cryo (Fat removal)
- T-Shape (Cellulite removal)
- Skin tightening
- Laser Tattoo Removal
- Botox & fillers
- Teeth Whitening
- Face & Body peels
- Microdermabrasion
- Eyelashes
- Nail art
- Waxing
- Threading
- Massage

The clinic only employs local staff and also proudly provides a platform for apprentices from Wolverhampton colleges to help them further advance their skills.

Wolverhampton as a city has suffered for many years with lack of investment from the private business sector so it is good to recognise and give thanks to businesses like Lush Beauty & Laser Clinic who through the turmoil still invest and believe in our city.

The Laser clinic is located on Market Street just opposite Greggs and at the rear of marks and spencer's. The customer base for the clinic is growing and also has clients from across the midlands that travel long distances for treatments and offers. The clinic has many promotions on offer where you can save up to a whopping 40% off.

Lush beauty and laser clinic are open 7 days a week and all the information in regards to treatments, opening times and general information can be found on their website **www.lushbeauty.net** or you can call them on **01902 270781** for a free no obligation consultation.

# Weddings: Countdown to your big day . . .

It's the most special day of your life and one where you will be centre stage.

So it pays to be prepared with all aspects of your wedding day.

We have put together a helpful guide for you to make sure you are are ready for the big day - and most importantly able to enjoy it without stressing over things you have forgotten.

From 24 months:

The dress – Start looking early for your perfect style

Decide the date and place of wedding

Consult both sets of parents, draw up your guest list

Book your photographer/ videographer. Check with the Minister if filming of the ceremony is permitted

From 12 months:

Book photo booth, DJ and any other entertainment

Apply for marriage licence with local registrar if planning a civil ceremony

Order your dress, attendants' outfits and accessories

Order the wedding cake and favours

Book florist and choose arrangements for bouquets, church and reception site

Book your desired transport to and from the ceremony

Book your honeymoon

From 6-9 months:

Arrange hire of suits for groom, best man, father and ushers

Order your wedding rings

From 2-4 months:

Compile wedding present list and register. If you already have a home together, consider registering with a travel agent for gift vouchers to use for your honeymoon or future dream holiday

Send out invitations and keep track of RSVPs, gifts and thank you notes. Don't forget a directions map and local accommodation list for out of town guests

Discuss details of menu with venue or caterer. Schedule rehearsal time and dinner

Buy shoes and start breaking them in around the house

Go shopping for mums' outfits, your going away outfits

and honeymoon clothes

Make appointments with hair and beauty salons.

Select dry cleaning, gown and bouquet preservation companies

Two weeks before:

Start course of tanning sessions or book self tan appointment at beauty salon

Confirm final arrangements in detail with all services

Pick up wedding rings

One week before:

Pick up your wedding gown

Notify venue/caterer of final guest count

Have a facial and other beauty treatments

Start gathering wedding ensemble and packing for honeymoon

One day before:

Lay out wedding ensemble and pack overnight bag

Have your manicure and pedicure today

On the day:

Relax, enjoy and remember!

ADVERTISEMENT

# Trearrdur will make your stay as special as your big day

**Trearddur Holiday Bungalows is a small family run, self catering holiday park set in the quiet seaside village of Trearddur Bay, Anglesey (Ynys Mon).**

You can relax and enjoy the breathtaking scenery which includes award winning beaches and the beautiful coast line to help you wind down and have some quality time after your special day.

Anglesey's beautiful beaches and attractions are easily accessible.

The North Wales mainland and the Snowdownia National Park are a short drive away.

You can even take a day trip to Dublin on the new high speed ferry from the port of Holyhead which is just 3 miles away.

We have a variety of self-catering accommodation to suit your budget and the size of your family or group. Each bungalow has been built and furnished to ensure you get the best out of your holiday.

The site is ideally situated on the edge of the village, with a small beach just opposite the site entrance. If the weather lets you down, you can leave the beach and relax in our indoor heated swimming pool.

Pets are accepted by prior arrangement; we have pet and non pet units in all types of our accommodation.

For further details of Trearddur Self Catering Holiday Bungalows and of the attractions and activities to be enjoyed locally can be found on either our website at; www.holiday-bungalows.co.uk/ or on our Facebook page; Trearddur Bungalows. Alternatively you can call us to book and ask any questions you have on 01407 860494.

**We look forward to making your stay as special as your big day.**

ADVERTISEMENT

# Your wedding journey starts here with The Mount Wolverhampton

*Ready for your day in the Great Hall*

**Congratulations on your Engagement! The Mount Hotel is the perfect wedding venue located in the village of Tettenhall. Boasting a blend of modern touches and period details, this elegant Grade II listed Victorian manor house has a feeling of grandeur and heritage. There are a selection of beautiful rooms, entertainment spaces and picturesque gardens for you to celebrate your special day.**

**The Wedding Breakfast**

There is no doubt that a feast at The Mount Hotel is one of the most memorable dining experiences in the Midlands. Our Menus have been composed by our AA Rosette awarded team of chefs, with particular emphasis on seasonality and the best of British produce. Anything is possible, be it afternoon tea or a themed dining experience. You may choose to take advantage of a private consultation with our Executive Chef, should you wish your guests to dine on something of your own choice.

Delicious food carefully selected fine wines and a high-quality service from our attentive staff. The Mount delivers a wedding breakfast to love and cherish.

**Evening Reception**

The Mount Hotel is the perfect venue to dance the night away.

All of our rooms offer licensed bars and functional spaces allowing for live bands and DJs. Choose from one of our evening buffet menus or entertain your guests on the terrace with a Hog roast or BBQ.

**Spectacular Photo Opportunities**

Our stunning gardens and architectural features provide the perfect backdrop for your all-important photographs. Be it in the manicured gardens or any of the beautiful rooms and featured areas

**And when the party is over…**

Why not invite your friends and family to stay overnight and prolong the celebrations. We have a mixture of 67 bedrooms, of which we offer preferential bed and breakfast rates for your guests.

We have a selection of Bridal suites to choose from after your perfect day has come to an end. Start married life in style.

Our staff are renowned for excellence and attention to detail; they will guide you seamlessly through all the preparations. From flowers and frivolities, canapés and Champagne to planning and place cards all perfectly in place giving you peace of mind that you need not worry about a thing.

For more information please email sales@themount.co.uk or call 01902 752055.

For More information on Weddings at The Mount please Feel Free to contact our Wedding and Event team on 01902 752055 Contact Us Now.

# A stunning venue for your stunning day

**Standing at one of the gateways to Wolverhampton in Railway Street, The Prince Albert has been part of the city for over a century.**

Outside, the Prince Albert is an imposing, Victorian, grade 2 listed building.

Inside, the story is completely different !

Following a complete refurbishment in 2017 The Prince Albert is stylish, chic, warm and welcoming. It operates over two floors, the ground floor being a comfortable bar - with a rather large fishtank full of colourful tropical fish - and the first floor a stunning function room with state of the art sound and lighting.

The venue also boasts a beautiful garden area complete with wicker furniture and an outdoor stage.

Although only having been open for four months The Prince Albert is already building a fantastic reputation for quality food and drink.

Serving daily from 1pm the menu boasts a range of pub classics such as succulent steaks and grills, freshly battered fish and Brioche based burgers alongside loaded jacket potatoes, ciabatta sandwiches, crunchy nachos and other delicious treats.

Those with a sweet tooth are catered for too as delicious cakes are served with fresh pouring cream.

For those looking for a refreshing drink during lunchtime or after work, or even at the start of a night out The Prince Albert has a vast array of beers, wines, spirits & minerals.

Ale connoisseurs are catered for with a selection of local and national real ales always available. CAMRA members benefit from a 5% discount !

Fancy a cocktail ? Choose from a menu of delicious, sparkling and varied specials including Mojitos, Martini's and Fizzes !

There's nothing nicer than enjoying a glass of wine, prosecco or champagne to accompany food, or to just pass the time and watch the world go by. The Prince Albert serves a range of wines from around the world.

Perhaps the most unique part of The Prince Albert is its stunning function room – unparalleled in Wolverhampton City Centre!

The room is available for hire 7 days a week and makes a fantastic surrounding for birthdays, wedding receptions and just about any party you can think of!

Food and entertainment can be provided if required.

The Prince Albert has a license to operate until 3am… late enough for the hardest of partygoers !

The function room at The Prince Albert has state of the art sound and lighting installed as well as a large projector screens, making it a perfect venue for a business meeting or conference. Food & drinks can also be catered for.

Every Friday & Saturday the lights go down and the music goes up (not too much though !) as Wolverhampton revellers start their weekend celebrations in style !

The Prince Albert is an iconic venue in Wolverhampton and if you haven't visited yet… we'd recommend you do! It's fantastic !

PRINCE ALBERT

FUNCTION ROOM AVAILABLE

Weddings • Birthdays • Meetings
12pm - 3am

Large Projector Screen • Buffet Packages
Bar & Lounge Area • Stage
State of the Art Sound & Lighting

Contact us for more information 01902 540672
The Prince Albert, Railway Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1LG.
www.princealbertwolverhampton.co.uk

C.A.A.R.S
ANIMAL SANCTUARY
*Registered Charity*
Safe shelter for abandoned and unwanted pets
DOGS CATS PUPPIES AND KITTENS TAKEN IN AND OFFERED FOR RE-HOMING
CHARITY SHOP ON SITE
TEL 01922 476208
Red Lane off Crab Lane, Essington WV11 2DZ
*2 Mins: Junc 11 M6*
Boarding facility for cats & dogs available

Kingswinford Snooker Centre & Wombourne Pool Bar
Second hour free pool or snooker
English and American pool tables • Snooker • Bar area and food served daily • Live Sports • Function Room
BT Sport Sky SPORTS
Check out our live events diary @ www.kingswinfordsnookercentre.co.uk www.wombournepoolbar.co.uk 01902 896060 / 01384 296420
FREE MEMBERSHIP when quoting W-ton Chronicle

EXCEL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
OUR TRADEMARK IS EXCELLENCE
Domestic Commercial Industrial
Est since 1998
All electrical work undertaken
• Security Systems • Periodic Testing • Garden Lighting & Power • Showers • Rewires • Mains Upgrades • Fire Alarms • Data & Phone Points • Portable Appliance Testing
*To arrange a free no obligation quotation*
CALL US FIRST 01902 374831
www.excelelectrical.net Email: info@excelelectrical.net
Office & Showroom "The Ballroom" 16 Station Road, Albrighton WV7 3QG

*In an ever changing media landscape the 'ultra local' free weekly Chronicle titles remain a powerful force for advertisers. Local media is still the most effective platform for driving consumer action. Why not make our coverage and readership work for you and choose your audience from one or more of these Chronicles; Wolverhampton, Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Cannock, Sandwell and Walsall.* ***For more information call our Deputy Advertising Director Kim Hazel on 01902 319660.***

| JULY | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

| AUGUST | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

| OCTOBER | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

| NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

| DECEMBER | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | M | T | W | Th | F | S |
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

2018

For all your Flooring and Fabric needs under one roof
*Call us now for details*
SANDFORD CARPETS FABRIC BARN
128 Trysull Road, Bradmore, Wolverhampton WV3 7JF
Telephone: 01902 335599
Opening Hours: Monday 10-1pm Tuesday to Saturday 9am - 5pm Sunday 1-4pm
www.sandfordcarpetsandcurtains.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL NUMBER 1 GARAGE DOOR SPECIALIST
F. Allen & Son
TRADE PRICES FOR
• Up and Over • Side Hinged • Sectional Doors • Roller Doors
STOCKISTS FOR • Garador • Hormann • Novoferm
FITTING AND REPAIR SERVICES
01902 351190
Unit 13 Chillington Fields, Wolverhampton, WV1 2BY

Do it yourself dog wash
Dryer has two settings to allow for long and short haired dogs to be dried with ease in warm air
Warm water wash with controlled temperatures
Wergs Hall Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton WV8 2HJ
www.codsallandwergs.co.uk
t: 01902 842461
CODSALL & WERGS

A warm welcome awaits you at Barlows Fleetwood Park
• Stunning Views
• Offers peace & tranquillity
• Local lakes, golf courses & activities
• Family run site
Seasonal pitches for touring caravans available
01352 720625 or 01352 720273
Barlows Caravan Park Caerwys CH7 5BA
www.barlowscaravanparknorthwales.co.uk

FOUR OAKS TREE SURGERY
SURVEYING ON ALL TYPES OF TREES, HEDGES & SHRUBS
• Fencing & Gates repaired & replaced
• Fully trained & equipped
• All waste shredded on site
• Fully insured to 1million
• Free surveys & quotations
• Commercial & domestic
For the months of November & December 15% Discount with this advert
www.fouroakstreesurgery.co.uk
info@fouroakstreesurgery.co.uk
01902 275369 07979 788 843
Unit 3, The Nurseries, Newport Road, Albrighton, WV7 3ET

pet stop
your one stop pet shop
• over 20,000 products • Click & Collect Service • free pet care advice
• free local delivery • free parking and loading service
01902 846364
info@petstopdirect.co.uk www.petstopdirect.co.uk
24 Wood Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. WV8 1DB
*Next door to Codsall Co-op Supermarket*

BOOK NOW
Lovely Breaks in the Yorkshire Dales
With Meadow Holidays COTTAGES & APARTMENTS
Treat yourself to a relaxing romantic break
*Weeks from £209 per couple*
*Weekends from £99 per couple*
Families Welcome - Breaks Available All Year
For a Brochure call 01969 624145 07789 444950
email: rita@meadowholidays.com
www.meadowholidays.com

MASSIVE SAVINGS
Massive savings all year round on all orangeries and conservatories. Give us a call today to see what you are missing out on.
VISIT OUR LEADING PREMIER MIDLANDS DOUBLE GLAZING SHOWROOM FOR THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE
energyseal Conservatories Limited
ENERGYSEAL CONSERVATORIES LTD 51 PLANETARY ROAD, WEDNESFIELD, WOLVERHAMPTON WV13 3XB
CALL US TODAY ON: 01902 866000 01902 861581
Email: mail@energyseal.co.uk www.energyseal.co.uk
Checkatrade Rated 9.78 on Checkatrade.com See our reviews

Nuffield Health
For the love of life®
Our patients get back on their feet faster.
01902 275 253
WOLVERHAMPTON HOSPITAL
+ Health Checks + Physio + Gyms

Made to measure sofa's up to 70% off buy direct
Sofa Factory Outlet
*Excellent customer forums, check us out ★★★★★ rated*
Check out our forums on the Best of Wolverhampton
SOFA FACTORY OUTLET
CUSTOM MADE SOFAS
TELEPHONE: 01902 425 225
Showroom: Thomas St., Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV2 4JS
*Individual Sofas for Individual Needs*
Free parking available
Opening times: Monday - Saturday 10.30am - 5pm; Sunday 11.00am - 4pm
*Also voted by the best of loved and local awards 2015 most loved business in the catagory of furniture*

The Summer House @ Boningale
Steak, Salad Bar and Carvery
WOLVERHAMPTON EXPRESS AND STAR PUB OF THE YEAR 2016
01902 372445 / 375775
www.thesummerhouserestaurant.co.uk
Holyhead Road, Boningale Wolverhampton WV7 3AT

BM EUROSERVICE LTD
Wolverhampton's FINEST Independent BMW & Mini Specialist
• Trained BMW staff • All BMW & Mini requirements catered for
• Pre purchase inspection • Loan car by prior arrangement
• Established since 1994 • Agents for eliteremaps.com
• Release the potential in your vehicle
Unit 26 Waterside Industrial Estate, Wolverhampton, WV2 2RQ
Tel: 01902 408855
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm/Alternate Saturdays 8.30am-12.30pm
www.bmeuroservice.com

Fitted within 2 weeks for a service you can trust
C&T Doors & Windows Ltd
For any information do not hesitate to contact us
Tel: 01902 842706 / 07759 536818
www.candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk
Email: enquiries@candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk
DOORS ALL AREAS COVERED COMPOSITE DOORS AVAILABLE
Unglazed/Glazed from £349.00 fully fitted. New Improved 10 point locking system fully reinforced. Many more designs available.
EDWARDIAN CONSERVATORY 3 MTR x 3 MTR From £4500
Bi-Fold Doors From £999
French Patio Doors From £649

FOR ALL YOUR FIREWORKS NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
UPTO 50% OFF & MORE
WHOLESALE PRICES DIRECT TO THE PUBLIC
Central Trading Estate, Unit 1 Marston Road, Wolverhampton WV2 4NL
Tel: 01902 854 220 www.bigstarfireworks.co.uk
Open: Mon - Sat 9am - Late | Sunday 10am - late
We accept all major Credit Cards
Fireworks not to be sold to anyone under 18 years of age

# Absolute Max thrills with the Firestarters

**The Prodigy, Wolverhampton Civic Hall**

ELECTRO giants The Prodigy put on an incredible show at Wolverhampton with thunderous bass, tremendous energy and a phenomenal lights show.

Despite having been in the industry for 27 years, the Essex band gave a stellar performance packed with hit after infectious hit, barely coming up for air between songs.

The city centre venue was heaving with fans, from young teens to 40-something ravers, many of whom donned fluorescent clothing and glow sticks.

The crowd on the floor was a sea of bodies, each of them jumping and dancing to the array of fan favourites blasted by the band.

With the group playing beneath mesmerising lighting made up of dozens of spotlights, and singing into UV microphones, it was truly a sight to behold.

Songs performed by the band spanned their highly-successful career, from nineties hits Firestarter, Breathe and Smack My B**** Up, through to noughties numbers such as Run With The Wolves.

Keith Palmer, AKA Maxim, was without doubt star of the show. The 50-year-old icon's energy was unwavering throughout, as were his vocals and powerful stage presence.

Though it was hardly needed, Maxim continuously rared up the crowd, demanding shouts and jumps at every turn.

"I can't hear you," he bellowed.

"Is this Wolverhampton or what?"

And the audience happily obliged, as they danced for their lives to an array of thumping tunes, such as Omen, Voodoo People, Their Law and Take Me To The Hospital.

A true stand-out moment for the Civic and one of the most thrilling nights out in Wolverhampton I've had in a long time.

**KIRSTEN RAWLINS**

# Fairy Bev delights in a panto 'masterpiece'

Magic night – Singer Beverley Knight with Ugly Sisters Ceri Dupree, right, and David Dale

Panto favourite Matt Slack and Suzanne Shaw

**Cinderella, Birmingham Hippodrome**

IF you spot a fairytale coach winging its way across the skies over the West Midlands during the next few weeks, you can be sure that it's heading to Birmingham.

The Hippodrome is known for doing it bigger and better than anywhere else and this year is no exception, as Qdos Entertainment deliver on every level, providing stunning scenery, stars, sumptuous costumes and the best special effects in the business, to ensure the venue maintains its place at the top of the panto Christmas tree.

Its stellar cast includes the multi-talented soul diva, radio presenter, musical theatre actress and now one third of newly formed trio, Leading Ladies, Wolverhampton-born and bred, Beverley Knight; Prince of the Strictly ballroom, the charismatic Danny Mac; and, of course Birmingham's favourite panto comedian, the incomparable Matt Slack, who returns to the city for the fifth year running due to unprecedented demand.

## REVIEWS

It's two and half hours of laugh out loud comedy, fun and frolics. The staging and choreography are second to none. The adult humour does tip the balance very slightly but is never offensive, while the traditional silliness and cringeworthy jokes reign supreme.

This is Beverley's first voyage into pantoland and she certainly is a 'Fabulous Fairy' completely stealing the limelight from the off, as her famous golden tones ring out as she flies high above the audience on a giant butterfly to open the show. Fairy Godmother Bev takes everything in her stride, including the ad-libs and mischief making of panto royalty, The Grumbleweeds, whose well worn but classic comedy she more than matches, holding her own while they create mayhem.

The beautiful and talented Suzanne Shaw is the perfect Cinders, whilst Ceri Dupree and David Dale are suitably hideous as the Ugly Sisters. Producer/director, Michael Harrison, has created an unmissable panto masterpiece. It runs until January 28

**ALISON NORTON**

# The boys are back in town for pop classics

**Jersey Boys, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham**

THE familiar rags to riches story about a group formed by friends who grow apart is given a 'The Sopranos'-like twist in this all-conquering jukebox musical based on the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

When they started in New Jersey in the early '60s the gang of Italian-American neighbourhood pals were more successful at getting criminal records than hit records.

That past was to catch up with them and split the band when they had become one of the most popular groups in America.

That success, based largely on Bob Gaudio's songwriting genius and Valli's helium vocals, was not with the Woodstock generation but with the people who worked on production lines or flipped burgers – people like them.

Filled to the brim with classic Four Seasons songs, from Sherry to Rag Doll, Walk Like A Man to Who Loves You?, this is a show as smart as the quartet's suits and as slick as their synchronised moves.

It also cleverly staged, often switching the perspective to give a back stage view.

The language pulls no punches and the show is fast-paced with lots of humour to balance the drama and tragedy.

Ultimately it depends on the four young men in the spotlight and in this production they are exceptional – Michael Watson is totally believable as the ambitious Valli, delivering that famous falsetto but also able to croon; Simon Bailey is the crooked Tommy Devito; Declan Egan the shy but brilliant Gaudio; and Lewis Griffiths the unassuming Nick Massi.

Their sensational sound prompted a standing – and dancing – ovation from the Birmingham audience.

Jersey Boys continues at the Alex until January 6 and visits Wolverhampton Grand from August 28 to September 6.

**LEON BURAKOWSKI**


Star Reader Travel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle in association with Omega

## Dreamgirls

Inspired by the true story of Diana Ross and The Supremes, this Tony award-winning musical directed and choreographed by Casey Nicholaw (The Book of Mormon, Aladdin, Something Rotten!) tells the story of 'The Dreams', a young female singing trio from Chicago, who have to learn the hard way that the road to stardom has a lot of deep holes and deadly traps.

Songs include And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going, Listen, One Night Only and I Am Changing. Enjoy this fantastic production at the Savoy Theatre now!

**London Theatre Break**
2 Days by Coach - Evening Show

**Departing Saturday 17 Mar**
from Dudley & Wolverhampton

**Price Includes...**
- ✔ Return coach travel
- ✔ 1 night B&B at a selected hotel, Heathrow area
- ✔ Dreamgirls theatre ticket (evening performance)
- ✔ Free time in London

**2 Days by Coach** only **£129**

★★★★★
*"A dazzling show"*
Evening Standard

## Mamma Mia!

Inspired by the storytelling magic of ABBA's songs, from Dancing Queen and Take A Chance On Me to Super Trouper and Thank You For The Music, Mamma Mia! is an enchanting tale of family and friendship unfolding on a Greek Island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father unexpectedly brings together three men from her mother's past...

Mamma Mia! has now been seen by over 50 million people worldwide setting the record for premiering in more cities worldwide faster than any other musical in history.

**London Theatre Break**
2 Days by Coach - Evening Show

**Departing Saturday 17 Mar**
from Dudley & Wolverhampton

**Price Includes...**
- ✔ Return coach travel
- ✔ 1 night B&B at a selected hotel, Heathrow area
- ✔ Mamma Mia! theatre ticket (evening performance)
- ✔ Free time in London

**2 Days by Coach** only **£139**

★★★★★
*"Abba-solutely fabulous!"*
Daily Mail

## Also Available
on this package and date

**2 Days by Coach** only **£129**

**2 Days by Coach** only **£139**

**2 Days by Coach** only **£139**

**2 Days by Coach** only **£139**

Call or visit us online for even more top London shows and available dates

Omega Holidays cannot be held responsible for the non-appearance of a particular actor/actress; no refunds will be given in this event. Whilst we always try to ensure that parties are seated together, very occasionally, it may be necessary for parties to be split. Couples are always seated together. Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices shown are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twin room. Single supplements apply.

For more information or to book, please call: **03300 130 051** Quote **OMRT**
033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.
or visit us online at **omegabreaks.com/RT**
ABTA Travel with confidence ABTA No. V4782

# The Ticket

## SCOTT'S MORE THAN A PASSING STRANGER

INSIDE

THEATRE + MUSIC + TV GUIDE + PUZZLES

Christmas Lunch & Dinner Party
LUNCH
2 Course £14.95pp
3 Course £17.95pp
DINNER
3 Course £23.95pp

Rocco Restaurant italiano
AUTHENTIC ITALIAN CUISINE

Rocco Italiano are proud to announce . . .
NEW YEARS EVE BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN
Normal and A la Carte Menu Available

Closed BOXING DAY
Reopen
27/12/17 - evening only
28/12/17 - Normal hours
29/12/17 - Normal hours
30/12/17 - Normal hours

72-73 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton. WV1 4LY T: 01902 546262
E: info@roccoitalian.co.uk www.roccoitalian.co.uk

T.A.HENN
Fine Jewellers Since 1947
Need extra cash this festive season ?
SELL your...
Unwanted & broken jewellery
Pocket watches
Chains
War medals
Silverware
For CASH
The metal prices are at their HIGHEST.
Make the most of it!
Jewellery & Watch repairs, Jewellery design, Valuations
38 - 41 Princess Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1HD
01902 428486
www.tahenn.com
Members of the National Association of Jewellers

B.T. AUCTIONS
Auction of Collectables/Antiques etc.
Calf Heath Village Hall
Monday 8th January 2018
6.30pm - viewing from 5.30pm
CASH ONLY
VENDORS - 07778 803668
Calf Heath Village Hall, Straight Mile.
Calf Heath, Wolverhampton, WV10 7DW

Final whistle
GOAL
THE ONLY READ FOR REAL FANS EVERY MONDAY
To advertise in final whistle call our experienced sales team on 01902 31 31 31
Express & Star

# The simple life for Scott's new sound

**Wolverhampton's Ivor Novello Award-winning singer Scott Matthews is planning a busy 2018 with the release of his new album, The Great Untold.**

The singer/songwriter plans to release the record in April with a tour following in May. It will include a date at Birmingham's St Paul's Church on May 20.

The record is Scott's simplest to date. For the first time in his five-album career, there's no band, no lavish production – just Scott. It is a man, a guitar and a song. It sounds simple, doesn't it? And it is.

Scott's new record, The Great Untold, is a career-defining masterpiece. The sixth studio album by the Ivor Novello Award-winning singer-songwriter is the one that many have craved: it is a masterclass in honesty, instinct and reflection.

A largely acoustic recording, Scott's sublime new record features sparse production. Recorded at home and in acoustically-resonant rural churches, instrumentation has been jettisoned. His 10-song cycle is the sound of a man comfortable in his own skin, putting his neck on the line with a collection of otherworldly songs.

"I'm still working on it but it's coming together and the songs are there. The record will be out in spring. I've always wanted to record a sparse, stripped back record and finally the time felt right to do that."

The ghosts of Paul Simon, Tim Buckley, Nick Drake and John Martyn loom large on a collection that ranks alongside work by some of the world's great singer-songwriters. On his sixth record, Scott has created songs that are breathtaking in their beauty and audacious in their simplicity.

The absence of drums, bass, cello and flute on The Great Untold, however, should not infer that it lacks depth. Far from it. The richness in Scott's new work comes from subtle playing and mellifluous melodies. He has improved again. He has become a master of his craft; a man who can play like Bert Jansch, sing like an angel and write songs that Joni Mitchell might admire.

Scott has been fine-tuning his sixth studio album

## REFINED

In many ways, The Great Untold is the start of a new era for Scott. Since his debut album, Passing Stranger, in 2006, the Wolverhampton-born star of bluesy acoustica has refined his craft. Writing deft and sensitive songs during a trajectory that begin with the ethereal Elusive, The Great Untold marks a new beginning.

The first great arc of his career was completed with his Home duology; a stunning pair of records that reflected on his journey thus far. The Great Untold is the sound of a man moving on. Scott is recently married, soon-to-experience fatherhood and has new hopes and fears, new stories to tell. "After Home Part 2 was finished, I was looking to move forward by marrying harmony with my experiences since the last record. The plan to write an acoustic record has always been there. I take a while over the songs. But in recent years, I've been keen to release more records. So I'm setting myself deadlines and working more quickly. Robert Plant once told me I ought to do more – and I took his advice."

Scott has tested himself as a songwriter. The absence of a band means he is vulnerable and exposed. But, in many ways, it was ever thus. He started as a soloist and is ready to fly alone. It opens new possibilities, a different type of challenge. "It takes me out of my comfort zone and has made me test myself. I've pared it down to guitar and vocals. At the beginning, there was nobody else. It's time to surprise myself. It's time to go back to my own world. I've gone full circle.

"This is how it all began. I would write at home, in Wolverhampton, and I'm doing that again now."

Lyrically, The Great Untold is a work with poetic intent. "It's a collection of songs that lots of people will relate to. It's a real mood-shift of a record. The songs always start from a personal angle, but listeners will hear them in different ways. When I'm writing, I'm almost hearing voices from The Masters and thinking: 'Would they approve?'" The point is to make a connection.

"I want to move somebody with the power of moods and music. It's very powerful stuff."

It is in the right hands. And that's an apposite description for The Great Untold. It is a record written by a man at the peak of his powers, by a musician able to channel great beauty in songs that reveal the most human of truths.

> *It's a collection of songs that lots of people will relate to*

Scott remains proud of his Black Country heritage and The Great Untold is a record rooted in the region. He has a home studio in his back garden – he calls it the Shedio – and that's where he disappears with his thoughts.

"Things have changed a lot. Back in the day there was the big record label, the management deal and all sorts of people around us. These days it's just my wife and I: we make the decisions, I write the songs, we take it on the road. I kind of like doing things that way. It gives us more artistic control. It's been a steep learning curve but there's a lot to be said for keeping things simple."

Keeping things simple is precisely what The Great Untold does. And with his demos for the record now complete, it's shaping up to be the greatest record of his career.

ANDY RICHARDSON

● **Scott Matthews is running a Pledge campaign for people who want to pre-order copies of the record and further details are available at www.scottmatthews.uk**

● **For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Express & Star every Friday.**

Shrek The Musical

# Ogre-awed – Alexandra has dazzling new season

A HOST of exciting productions are set to grace the stage of the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham after the venue revealed its dazzling new season.

Shrek The Musical, Strangers On A Train and the astounding Cirque Berserk are just some of the hit shows lined up at the Station Street theatre. Plus, the UK premiere of Sting's Geordie musical The Last Ship and war drama Sebastian Faulks' Birdsong.

It all kicks off next week with The Sound of Music. The Voice finalist Lucy O'Byrne returns in the role of Maria, opposite EastEnders star Neil McDermott as Captain Von Trapp. The Rodgers and Hammerstein show has an unforgettable score featuring Edelweiss, My Favorite Things, Do-Re-Mi, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, and, of course, the title song. Bill Kenwright's production is staged from January 16 to 20.

Strangers on a Train, January 29 to February 3, is a thriller about a murder swap, made into a classic movie by Alfred Hitchcock. It features Christopher Harper (from Coronation Street) John Middleton (Emmerdale) and Hannah Tointon (Mr Selfridge).

Based on the story and characters from the Oscar-winning Dreamworks animation, Shrek The Musical bursts onto the stage from February 14 to 25.

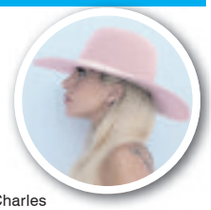
Cirque Berserk features the world's most hair-raising circus act – the motorcycle Globe Of Death. At the theatre from March 14 to 18.

Andrew 'Freddie' Flintoff makes his stage debut in Kay Mellor's Fat Friends, alongside Jodie Prenger, Sam Bailey and Kevin Kennedy from April 3 to 7.

The UK premiere of Sting's personal, political and passionate musical The Last Ship is an epic tale of community and defiance starring Jimmy Nail from April 16 to 21.

Legally Blonde The Musical features Eastenders star Rita Simons and Eurovision hopeful Lucie Jones from May 21 to 26. Shows in June will include Summer Holiday The Musical, based on the Cliff Richard film, and Birdsong to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

# Busy start to the new year of gigs



Now the festivities are over, the streamers and empties have been cleaned away at the region's venues and it's time to look forward to some of the best gigs coming up early in 2018.

The mega venues boast the biggest names with Paramore at the Genting Arena on January 14 and Lady Gaga (pictured) with her rescheduled tour calling in at the NEC venue on February 1, the day after her Arena Birmingham gig.

Then the Genting has Kendrick Lamar on February 9, The Script (15th), Imagine Dragons (24th), Morrissey (27th) and pride of Wales the Stereophonics on March 1.

Highlights at Birmingham O2 Academy includes festival favourites The Hunna on Thursday (January 11). Hollywood rockers Black Veil Brides co-headline with York's Asking Alexandria on January 23, punk veterans The Damned visit on February 1, then 80s faves Erasure play on February 11. Later next month gigs to watch out for at the Academy include Texan punks Bowling For Soup (13th), Slam Dunk and Download regulars Don Broco (15th) and Scottish indie rock legends Franz Ferdinand back with a new album (20th).

Across the city in Digbeth, things start to get interesting at the O2 Institute on February 1 with tipped-for-the-top Reading rockers The Amazons. American punk veterans The Dead Boys mark 40 years since their debut on February 2 and highly rated young American rockers Highly Suspect play on the same night in the venue's larger room. Expect some Sheffield steel on February 6 when up-and-coming metal monsters When She Sleeps roar into action.

Grammy nominated LA R&B singer-songwriter Jhené Aiko is at the Institute on February 8 and California rockers Alien Ant Farm are in action on February 12.

The voice of Mike & The Mechanics and Ace, Paul Carrack, has two concerts at Symphony Hall Birmingham on February 3 and 18.

Aussie star singer Natalie Imbruglia is at Birmingham Town Hall on February 5 and country pop legends The Mavericks will dance the night away at Symphony Hall on February 8.

Highlights at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath include ex-Special Roddy Radiaion with his Skabilly Rebels on January 13 and the following night it's garage rockers The Surfing Magazines (featuring ex-members of The Wave Pictures and Slow Club).

Craig Charles opens his trunk of funk, DJing at the Hare'n on the 19th. Reggae star General Levy visits on January 27 then there are two nights of psychedelic rock with noisy LA outfit Wand (29th) and San Francisco's Moon Duo (30th).

Things will get pretty cosmic too at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Sunday when the latest version of Space Ritual, featuring founder members of Hawkwind Nik Turner and Terry Ollis, beam down for a space rock celebration.

Also coming up at Mount Pleasant venue is the 30th annivesary performance of rock opera Operation Mindcrime by Geoff Tate on January 17 and British blues rocker Aysley Lister Band on the 18th.

Jump n jive with King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys on January 25, and good time rock n rollers The Quireboys deliver an acoustic set at the Robin on January 28.

Final few recommendations: Watch out for Mobo-winning singer Zara McFarlane at the Hare and Hounds on February 7; the return of Everything Everything after their A Fever Dream album with a gig at the O2 Academy on March 3; and a rare UK outing for American roots outfit Pokey Lafarge at the O2 Institute on March 7.

# Just the ticket for Parrys International at open day

Commercial feature

**Multiple award winning coach holiday company – Parrys International, will open its doors to the public on Sunday January 14 for its very popular annual open day.**

With the release of the new 2018 brochures, the company is inviting members of the public to view their premises, luxury coaches and meet some of their international hotel and attraction providers.

It also gives the chance for people to gain information from the many staff – drivers and couriers – who will be on hand to help visitors experience and see the luxury coach features that are unique to the company. They will even be able to book holidays with a number of special offers for the upcoming season.

## Sponsors

Hotel representatives will be available from Hilton Worldwide Hotels, Marriott, Holiday Inn, Accor Hotels, Warners and individual hotels from Scotland, Luxembourg, Ireland, Germany, Spain and the Isle of Wight.

Parrys International are also main team sponsors of Wolverhampton Speedway, and their management and a top rider will be in attendance.

Parrys offer over 600 departures for coaching holidays in Britain, Ireland and Europe. These range from London Theatre Weekends, midweek breaks in Cornwall to 12 day holidays featuring Italy's Lake Garda. Continental holidays also include Germany, the Costa Brava in Spain, Andorra, the imperial Cities of Prague, Budapest and Vienna, and a 15-day Italian highlights tour. The company have also introduced a huge choice of new day excursions with departures for its many destinations operating throughout the year.

The open Day runs from 10am until 3pm and is hosted at their garage and offices in Landywood Green, Cheslyn Hay. More information from the company can be obtained by calling 01922 414576.

A German wine queen will be at the day

Parrys are sponsors of Wolves Speedway

Parrys operate their own luxury coaches

There are regular trips to Lake Garda

PARRYS INTERNATIONAL
PARRYS INTERNATIONAL TOURS LTD
Landywood Green, Cheslyn Hay, West Midlands, WS6 7QX
Luxury Coach Holidays
- UK Weekends
- London Theatre
- British Tours
- Ireland
- Continental Holidays
- Day Excursions
- Serving The West Midlands

Like us on Facebook
CALL FOR A BROCHURE
01922 414576
www.parrys-international.co.uk

Visit Our Open Day on Sunday 14th January from 10am

# SATURDAY'S TV JANUARY 6



## CHOICE

Jim Sturgess

**Hard Sun**
**(BBC1, 9.35pm)**
A drama series about detectives who stumble across a government conspiracy while investigating a death may not sound particularly original – but the secret that cops Charlie Hicks (Jim Sturgess) and Elaine Renko (Agyness Deyn) uncover in Hard Sun involves the end of the world. The mismatched officers are dealing with a murder in the inner-city when they find proof that the Earth faces certain destruction in just five years due to a mysterious cosmic event, a fact the powers-that-be would very much like to keep under wraps. The duo must use every bit of their ingenuity to protect themselves as they are pursued by Secret Service operatives who are willing to silence them for good.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **12.45** MOTD Live: FA Cup. Fleetwood Town v Leicester City (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** Celebrity Mastermind. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

**6.00 And They're Off for Sport Relief.** New series. Ore Oduba hosts a sporting challenge in which celebrities compete in a series of bizarre races, while members of the public try to predict which star will win.

**6.40 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a 1980s edition of the celebrity quiz, featuring four teams of famous faces from the decade seeking unlikely answers.

**7.25 Wedding Day Winners.** New series. Lorraine Kelly and Rob Beckett host a game show in which two couples, aided by friends and family, compete through a series of challenges for the chance to win a televised wedding and a dream honeymoon.

**8.30 Casualty.** The truth about Connie's illness is out, following her dramatic collapse while at work. As she recovers, she is devastated to hear that her colleagues are aware of her terminal diagnosis. Worse still is the news that her tumour has grown, and complications now mean that her consultant refuses to operate. Discharging herself, Connie persuades Ethan to drive her to London for a second opinion, but when she loses consciousness en route and is rushed into emergency surgery, her put-upon protege faces an agonising wait for news. Meanwhile, back at the ED, Dylan struggles to hold the fort, in the absence of more experienced hands.

**9.20 BBC News**; Weather.

**9.35 Hard Sun.** New series. Sci-fi crime drama starring Jim Sturgess and Agyness Deyn as two detectives who must find a way to keep the peace after discovering that the world is about to end.

**10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights:** National Lottery Update.

**12.05** The NFL Show. **12.35 Film:** The Resident. (2011) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.10** The Wonder of Animals. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **7.45** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **8.00** The Dengineers. **8.30** Deadly Top 10. (R) **9.00** World's Sneakiest Animals. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.00** Pets – Wild at Heart. (R) **12.00** The Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure. (R) **1.00** Back to the Land with Kate Humble. (R) **2.00** Rome Unpacked. (R) **3.00 Film:** The Letter. (1940) **4.30** Jaguars Born Free: Natural World Special. (R) **5.15** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. (R) **5.45** Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight For Good. (R)

**6.15 Hugh's Wild West.** New series. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall goes in search of wildlife with the most dedicated nature lovers in the West Country, beginning in the Wye Valley and the Forest of Dean.

**7.15 A House Through Time.** Documentary charting 180 years of British history as lived through by the successive inhabitants of a terraced house in Liverpool, from the 1840s to the present day. (R)

**8.15 Dad's Army.** Capt Mainwaring and the platoon offer to help Pte Godfrey's widowed friend gather in the harvest on her farm – but their well-meaning efforts end in predictable chaos. (R)

**8.45 Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs.** Paul Murton travels from Loch Gairloch to Loch Maree, meeting the king and queen of Islonia, matching a medieval feat of archery and diving to a wartime wreck in Loch Ewe.

**9.15 Feud: Bette and Joan.** The convivial atmosphere that Bette is creating with her co-stars frustrates Joan, as she tries to sleep following the beginning of filming in Louisiana.

**10.00 Feud: Bette and Joan.** Both actresses reflect on what might have been and Joan gets a call from her agent, who advises her against appearing in low-budget feature The Missing Link. Last in the series.

**11.00 Live at the Apollo Christmas Special.** Festive fun, hosted by Katherine Ryan, with Marlon Davis, Joel Dommett and John Robins.

**11.45 QI XL.** With Josh Widdicombe.

**12.30** Later – with Jools Holland 25th Birthday Show. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Endeavour. (R) **2.40** The Greatest TV Moments of All Time. (R) **4.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**4.45** ITV News; Weather. **4.55** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R)

**6.00 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity special of the game show, with Ellie Simmonds, Fay Ripley and Jimmy Carr guessing the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues.

**7.00 Take Me Out.** New series. A hairdresser, a rugby player, a children's entertainer and a student try to impress 30 single women and win a date. Paddy McGuinness presents.

**8.00 The Voice UK.** New series. Emma Willis hosts the seventh series of the singing contest, which this year sees Olly Murs joining returning coaches Will.i.am, Tom Jones and Jennifer Hudson on the famous spinning chairs. The search for a star kicks off, as usual, with the first in a series of rounds of blind auditions, as the panel listen to each contestant with their backs turned, ensuring that they judge the performance on the strength of vocal ability alone. Those who succeed here will progress to the Battle and Knockout phases.

**9.35 ITV News**; Weather.

**9.50 Film: Spectre.** (2015) James Bond goes rogue after receiving a cryptic message that sets him on the trail of a secretive criminal network. While his colleagues face a new threat closer to home, Bond embarks on a globetrotting journey in search of the elusive mastermind behind the syndicate – whom he discovers may have links to his own past. Spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig.

**12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.50** Frasier. (R) **8.20** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.15** The Simpsons. (R) **11.45** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses. (R) **12.45** Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. Live coverage of the afternoon session on the opening day of the tournament. **5.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R)

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 Spying on the Royals.** Part one of a two-part documentary examining an espionage operation conducted to gather information on Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. Shown to mark the 80th anniversary of the king's abdication, the programmes examines recently declassified documents revealing the extent of the surveillance and who ordered it, as well as featuring dramatic reconstructions and eyewitness accounts. (R)

**8.00 Princess Diana's "Wicked" Stepmother.** An examination of the turbulent relationship between Diana, Princess of Wales and her formidable stepmother Raine Spencer, who rose from humble origins with the help of her larger-than-life mother, the novelist Barbara Cartland, to become a countess and a member of the royal family. Raine was a divisive figure, who was doted on by her husband Johnnie Spencer but loathed by Diana and her siblings. Yet as the princess's marriage collapsed, she reached out to her stepmother for support, marking a change in the women's relationship. (R)

**9.00 Film: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2.** (2015) Premiere. The civilisation of Panem is consumed by a bloody civil war. Reluctant rebel leader Katniss Everdeen leads a band of her allies on a mission to end the conflict at one stroke by assassinating the despotic President Snow – but faces many dangers as she closes in on her target. Conclusion of the sci-fi adventure series based on Suzanne Collins' novels, starring Jennifer Lawrence.

**11.40 Film: The Transporter.** (2002)

**1.25** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.35** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.10** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **10.40** Cruising with Jane McDonald Christmas Special. (R) **11.40 Film:** West Side Story. (1961) **2.30 Film:** The Hundred-Foot Journey. (2014) Comedy drama, starring Helen Mirren. **3.30** 5 News Update. **3.35 Film:** The Hundred-Foot Journey. (2014) Concluded. **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00** Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R)

**6.00 The Wonderful World of Puppies.** New series. Documentary charting the first few months of a dog's life, following different breeds as they take the first steps on their own unique developmental journey. Dalmatians Daphne and Digby start to develop the spots that will mark them out for life, and take their first stumbling steps in the great outdoors. Ruby the toy poodle's huge personality belies her diminutive frame, while abandoned Jack Russell pup Boomer's shattered confidence will need to be rebuilt by the love of a foster home.

**7.00 Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!** Joe Pasquale narrates a special documentary celebrating some of the greatest pranks celebrities have managed to play on each other. (R)

**8.00 Blind Date.** Paul O'Grady hosts a revival of the dating show in which a drama teacher from Surrey and a digger driver from Hull must choose between three unseen suitors.

**9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** Friday's highlights from the house, including another chance to see what surprise Big Brother sprung on the women last night.

**10.00 Worst Celebrity Pop Songs Ever.** A countdown of the 40 most memorable records by celebrities, featuring performances by Mr T, Katie Price, Vinnie Jones, Sam Fox and an assortment of soap stars. (R)

**11.45 Lip Sync Battle UK: Rufus Hound v Jorgie Porter.** Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as comedian Rufus Hound and actress Jorgie Porter go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R)

**12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **4.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Four**
**7.00** Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History **8.00** Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom **9.00** Spiral **11.05** The Vietnam War **12.00** Bee Gees at the BBC and Beyond **1.00** Disco at the BBC **2.00** Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom **3.00** Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History **4.00** Close

**ITV2**
**12.00** The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale **1.00** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway Presents – Who Shot Simon Cowell? **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.05 Film:** Legally Blonde (2001) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Legally Blonde (2001) **4.55 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.40 Film:** The Mummy (1999) **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45 Film:** The Mummy (1999) **9.00 Film:** The Hangover (2009) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** The Hangover (2009) **11.10** Family Guy **12.10** American Dad! **1.05 Film:** Paranoia (2013) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** Paranoia (2013) **3.00** Teleshopping

**ITV3**
**11.05** Foyle's War **1.10 Film:** Columbo: Suitable for Framing (1971) **2.55** Midsomer Murders **11.00** The Suspicions of Mr Whicher: The Murder in Angel Lane **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV4**
**1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Sandown & Wincanton. Ed Chamberlin presents live coverage of today's race meetings. **4.05 Film:** Khartoum (1966) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15 Film:** Khartoum (1966) **6.45 Film:** Dr No (1962) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55 Film:** Dr No (1962) **9.00 Film:** The Enforcer (1976) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** The Enforcer (1976) **11.05 Film:** Platoon (1986) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Platoon (1986) **1.25** Car Crash Global: Caught on Camera **2.25** Tommy Cooper **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen

**E4**
**12.30** Don't Tell the Bride **1.35** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Red (2010) **11.10** Gogglebox **1.20** Rude Tube: Love Bytes **2.20** Gogglebox **3.15** First Dates **4.10** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Rude(ish) Tube

**Film4**
**11.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) **1.00** The Indian in the Cupboard (1995) **2.50** Rio (2011) **4.40** Tooth Fairy (2010) **6.45** GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) **9.00** Now You See Me (2013) **11.15** Insidious: Chapter 3 (2015) **1.10** Mr Nice (2010) **3.35** Close


HAPPY FEET DANCE CLUB
NEW CLASSES FOR 2017
NEW BEGINNERS BALLROOM & LATIN
WEDNESDAYS 7.30pm - 8.30pm
At Beckminster Methodist Church, Birches Barn Road, W-ton, WV3 7BQ.
Starts January 17th
STRICTLY SOLO
(LATIN DANCES IN LINE, NO PARTNER NEEDED)
WEDNESDAYS 6.15pm - 7.15pm
At Bradmore Community Centre, Birches Barn Road, WV3 7BQ. Join any Wednesday
CHILDRENS BALLROON & LATIN
(SUNDAYS AGE 3 UPWARDS, RING FOR TIMES)
At Wolverhampton Tennis and Squash Club, Newbridge Crescent, Tettenhall, W-ton WV6 0LH
Other levels of class and private lessons available
Angela (01902) 345312 or 07817 412418
Brian (01902) 335817
email: angela_holmes@hotmail.com
fb: Happy Feet Dance Club



Finest Black Angus Beef Sale
Topside/Silverside £1.99lb
Sirloin Steak
Rib Eye Steak
Rump Steak
6lb for £20
Plus Great Reductions on every cut!
Edmund Howdle
Quality meat
est. 1935
38 High Street, Clayhanger, Brownhills WS8 7EA
Tel: 01543 375046 / 377625
All Major Debit & Credit Cards Accepted
Visit www.edmundhowdle.co.uk for a full price list & offers
Like us on Facebook

# SUNDAY'S TV JANUARY 7

## CHOICE

Holly Willoughby (left)

**Dancing on Ice (ITV, 6pm)**

Some shows just run and run, never pausing for breath and seemingly always at the top of the ratings tree. Others burn brightly, fade away and need a wee rest before coming back better than ever. ITV is hoping that Dancing on Ice falls into the latter category. It ran for nine series between 2006 and 2014, then took a break. Now it's back, as are presenters Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield and judge Jason Gardiner; Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean return too, but as judges rather than mentors, while Ashley Banjo will also offer his opinions. But it's the participants we're most interested in, and they're a mixed bunch.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.30** MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. (R) **1.40** MOTD Live: FA Cup. Shrewsbury Town v West Ham United (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

**6.05 BBC News.**

**6.20 Regional Programme.**

**6.30 Countryfile.** The team explores the Ribble Valley. Matt Baker visits the Gisburn Forest, Anita Rani meets refugees who are discovering farming in the snow, and Adam Henson learns about stallions that have a vital role to play in preserving rare breeds of horses. Plus, Tom Heap reports on a controversy surrounding new rules on gun licensing. Including weather for the week ahead.

**7.30 Still Open All Hours.** Granville has a new idea for growing the business and branches out into offering fitness classes, while Mr Newbold undergoes an image overhaul to repel Mrs Featherstone.

**8.00 Attenborough and the Sea Dragon.** The naturalist joins a team of scientists examining the 200 million-year-old fossilised remains of an icthyosaur, a vast sea creature which was discovered on Dorset's Jurassic Coast. As the skeleton is reassembled, advanced imaging technology and computer animation is used to create a simulation of the sea creature as it would have appeared when it was still alive – the most detailed reconstruction of its kind ever attempted. Meanwhile, forensic investigators painstakingly examine the bones to solve the mystery of how the icthyosaur died.

**9.00 McMafia.** Alex receives an offer from someone claiming to be an old friend, and Semiyon seeks backing for his business venture – while Lyudmilla uncovers his investors' secrets.

**10.00 BBC News.**

**10.20 Regional Programme.**

**10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights.**

**11.30 The Women's Football Show.**

**12.05** Weather for the Week Ahead.
**12.10** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.20** Coast. (R) **7.20** The Instant Gardener. (R) **8.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Greatest Gardens. (R) **9.05** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Food & Drink. (R) **12.30** The A to Z of TV Cooking. (R) **12.40** Meet the Moose Family: Natural World. (R) **1.40** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.10** Talking Pictures: Maggie Smith. (R) **2.50 Film:** Ladies in Lavender. (2004) Period drama, starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Ski Sunday.

**6.00 The Real T. Rex with Chris Packham.** Chris Packham embarks on a global journey to discover the truth about the Tyrannosaurus rex, which has endured centuries of scientific inaccuracy and Hollywood misrepresentation. The naturalist uses new studies into dinosaur skin, teeth and muscles, as well as groundbreaking insights into its behaviour to create the most accurate CGI representation of the dinosaur ever produced. To help, Chris speaks to experts in birds, biomechanics and alligators, and has access to one of the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeletons in existence. (R)

**7.00 Robot Wars Special 2017: The World Series.** The second of two specials pitting champions from past series against rivals from other countries, featuring contenders from Russia, the USA, Canada and the Netherlands.

**8.00 Dragons' Den.** A serial entrepreneur pitches his online greeting card business, and a Surrey-based inventor hopes his word game could become a family Christmas favourite. (R)

**9.00 Michael Palin: A Life on Screen.** The actor and writer looks back on his career. Featuring classic clips from the archives and contributions from collaborators John Cleese, David Jason and Armando Iannucci.

**10.00 Film: And Now for Something Completely Different.** (1971) Compilation of sketches from the first two series of Monty Python's Flying Circus. Starring John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle and Terry Gilliam.

**11.25 Film: Strictly Ballroom.** (1992)

**1.00** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Holby City. (R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Ben 10. **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** River Monsters. (R) **9.55** The Voice UK. (R) **11.30** Tipping Point. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** A Right Royal Quiz. (R) **1.40** The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale. (R) **2.45** Catchphrase. (R) **3.45** Regional Programme ; Weather.**4.00** ITV News; Weather. **4.10 Film:** Happy Feet Two. (2011) Animated musical comedy sequel, with the voice of Elijah Wood.

**6.00 Dancing on Ice.** New series. Celebrities and professional partners figure skaters pair up as after a four-year break, Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield reunite as hosts of the popular dance contest. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean are also back, though as judges rather than mentors, alongside Jason Gardiner and Ashley Banjo. This year's contestants are Donna Air, Cheryl Baker, Alex Beresford, Candice Brown, Kem Cetinay, Antony Cotton, Max Evans, Lemar, Jake Quickenden, Perri Shakes-Drayton, Brooke Vincent and Stephanie Waring.

**8.00 Vera.** New series. The detective investigates when charred human remains are found in an abattoir furnace, and attempts to deduce who they belong to and how they came to be here. Brenda Blethyn returns for an eighth series of mysteries based on Ann Cleeves' novels.

**10.00 ITV News**; Weather.

**10.10 Film: Captain Phillips.** (2013) The captain of a cargo ship travelling around the coast of Somalia is taken hostage when pirates raid the vessel. Fact-based thriller, starring Tom Hanks and Barkhad Abdi.

**12.35** Great Art. (R) **1.30** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. Live coverage of the afternoon session on the second day of the tournament. **5.30** The Great Festive Bake Off. (R)

**6.45 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 The World's Wildest Weather.** Footage shot by members of the public of unusual and dangerous weather from around the world, including Alpine avalanches and cyclones in the South Pacific. The programme features first-hand accounts of the events featured and scientific analysis of the footage and how the strange weather conditions came about.

**8.00 The Biggest Little Railway in the World.** New series. Dick Strawbridge leads a team of enthusiasts attempting to build the longest model railway in history, stretching 71 miles across Scotland from Fort William on the west coast to Inverness on the east coast. The project faces an early challenge navigating the Caledonian Canal, but a train ferry proves an ingenious solution. The team must also apply full-size railway technology to the task of traversing Loch Lochy.

**9.00 SAS: Who Dares Wins.** New series. Reality show in which people are put through SAS recruitment tests to see whether they can match up to the pressures the elite regiment faces. This time, the show comes from Morocco's Atlas Mountains, and chief Instructor Ant Middleton and his Directing Staff have comes up with an intensified course for the 25 volunteers.

**10.00 Film: The Sweeney.** (2012) An insubordinate detective and his loyal partner must crack a robbery case while under investigation from their superiors. Crime thriller, starring Ray Winstone and Ben Drew.

**12.10 Film:** Moonrise Kingdom. (2012) Comedy drama, with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton. **1.55** Grand Designs Australia. (R) **2.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.45** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **4.15** Coast vs Country. (R) **5.10** Four in a Bed. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wissper. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **6.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.35** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.40** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.40** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. **10.40 Film:** Groundhog Day. (1993) **12.40 Film:** Practical Magic. (1998) **2.40** Will & Grace. (R) **3.10** Blind Date. (R) **4.15 Film:** The Love Punch. (2013)

**6.00 The Two Ronnies: In Their Own Words.** A celebration of the lives and careers of comedy duo Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett, featuring performances, chat show appearances and rare and long-forgotten archive material. (R)

**8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present action from the 13th round of matches, including Worcester Warriors v Bath, Northampton Saints v Gloucester, and Wasps v Saracens.

**8.55 5 News Weekend.**

**9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of another day for the illustrious inhabitants as they cope with the day-to-day complications of life under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother.

**10.00 Film: Hot Pursuit.** (2015) Premiere. An uptight police officer has to protect a gangster's widow as they go on the run from hitmen and corrupt cops. Crime comedy, with Reese Witherspoon.

**11.00 5 News Update.**

**11.05 Film: Hot Pursuit.** (2015) Concluded.

**11.50 One Night with My Ex.** Former couples decide if they should get back together, including Jay and Sandy, whose passionate relationship ended when she heard rumours he had been unfaithful. (R)

**12.50** Lip Sync Battle UK: Jimmy Carr vs Alexander Armstrong. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Four**

**7.00** Only Connect **7.30** Britain on Film: Messing About in Boats **8.00** Dan Snow on Lloyd George: My Great Great Grandfather **9.00** Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down **10.00** The Bridge: Fifty Years Across the Forth **11.00 Film:** Stations of the Cross (2014) **12.45** Dan Snow on Lloyd George: My Great Great Grandfather **1.45** Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down **2.45** The Bridge: Fifty Years Across the Forth **3.45** Close

**ITV2**

**12.35** Take Me Out **1.40** The Voice UK **3.20 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **4.50** FYI Daily **4.55 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **5.25 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30 Film:** Delivery Man (2013) **1.35** FYI Daily **1.40 Film:** Delivery Man (2013) **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV3**

**11.35** Foyle's War **5.50** Endeavour **8.00** Les Dawson: An Audience With That Never Was **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.00** Midsomer Murders **1.50** Executed **2.45** Road to Avonlea **4.35** On the Buses **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

**ITV4**

**11.25** Pawn Stars **1.45 Film:** The Sea Wolves (1980) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55 Film:** The Sea Wolves (1980) **4.10 Film:** Khartoum (1966) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15 Film:** Khartoum (1966) **6.50** Hornblower **9.00 Film:** Ransom (1996) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Ransom (1996) **11.30 Film:** RoboCop 3 (1993) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** RoboCop 3 (1993) **1.35** The Professionals **2.35** The Protectors **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**12.00 Film:** The Borrowers (1997) **1.40** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00 Film:** Titanic (1997) **10.50 Film:** American Reunion (2012) **1.05** Gogglebox **2.10** First Dates **3.15** Rude Tube **3.40** Hollyoaks

**Film4**

**11.00** Stuart Little (1999) **1.00** Robots (2005) **2.40** Antz (1998) **4.20** Home Alone (1990) **6.25** The Core (2003) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart. **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.25** Savages (2012) **2.00** The Pool (2007) **4.00** Close

FRIENDLY AND APPROACHABLE FAMILY RUN BUSINESS WITH OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE TRADE

WTW&D
WEDNESFIELD TRADE WINDOWS & DOORS ltd.

Swish WINDOW AND DOOR SYSTEMS
AUTHORISED INSTALLER

VISIT OUR MODERN SHOWROOM, OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK: MON TO FRI 08:00-17:00 SAT 08:00-12:00

DEAL DIRECT WITH THE OWNERS FOR GOOD HONEST PRICES
PUBLIC & TRADE ENQUIRIES WELCOME

UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS • CONSERVATORIES
BI-FOLD DOORS • RESIDENCE 7 & RESIDENCE 9
COMPOSITE DOORS • ALUMINIUM WINDOWS
PATIO DOORS • ALUMINIUM BI-FOLD DOORS

CALL: 01902 633 355 wtwd2012@gmail.com www.wednesfieldtradewindows.co.uk

UNIT 5 SPRING COTTAGE NEACHELLS LANE WILLENHALL WV13 3RG

# PICK OF THE WEEK

## FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**
**Killer Mom, Channel 5, 3.15pm**
Premiere. When 14-year-old Allison loses her father in a plane crash a few years after her adoptive mother died, she is devastated. At the funeral, she is shocked to meet her birth mother Jessica, who is intent on controlling the $40m her daughter is set to inherit. Thriller, starring Karen Cliche. (2017)

**TUESDAY**
**Eyewitness, Channel 5, 3.15pm**
After her testimony sent him to jail, a woman finds herself held captive in her own home when the man who murdered her father and fiancee escapes from prison to confront her. Thriller, starring Lindy Booth, Craig Olejnik and Jon McLaren. (2017)

**WEDNESDAY**
**The Social Network, Channel 4, 1.10am**
Fact-based drama following internet billionaire Mark Zuckerberg's rise to wealth and fame. An online prank played on an ex-girlfriend gives Harvard student Zuckerberg the idea for Facebook, which soon expands away from the famous university into a worldwide phenomenon. However, in getting his project off the ground, he makes enemies of those who helped him along the way. With Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake. (2010)

The Social Network, Wednesday, Channel 4, 1.10am

**THURSDAY**
**Dear Diary, I Died, Channel 5, 3.15pm**
When a college student appears to have committed suicide, her sister tries to uncover the secrets behind her death. Thriller, starring Katherine Kelly Lang, Whitney Rose Pynn and John J York. Edited for language. (2016)

**FRIDAY**
**Amy, Channel 4, 12.10am**
Documentary portrait of soul, jazz and R'n'B singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse, whose untimely death in July 2011 followed a well-publicised history of drugs and alcohol abuse. Director Asif Kapadia traces Amy's rise and demise over the 13 years preceding her death, telling her story via her music and autobiographical song lyrics. (2015).

## The boys are back in town for a thrilling new series

When ITV launched the action drama series Lethal Weapon last year, a lot of viewers were initially sceptical about its chances of success. For a start, it's rare for US series to be shown on the channel in primetime – even the acclaimed The Americans struggled in the ratings and was eventually moved to ITV Encore.

And then there's the fact that Lethal Weapon was based on a hugely successful movie franchise – would viewers be able to accept a Riggs and Murtaugh who were played by anyone other than Mel Gibson and Danny Glover?

It seems even actor Clayne Crawford, who plays the Gibson role of loose cannon Riggs, didn't expect audiences to share his enthusiasm for the show.

He told Collider: "I read the script on a plane and I had that moment of being a 12-year-old boy, who just wants to play cowboys and superheroes. I was like, 'This is a cowboy superhero!' I called my wife and said, 'Look, I think I'm gonna say yes, but there's no way it will make it past three episodes.'"

Luckily, he was proved wrong. Not only did US audiences take the revamped Lethal Weapon to their hearts, but so did UK viewers – meaning not only is there a second season, but it's now back on ITV.

For anyone who missed the first series (or the films that inspired it), it focuses on the cop duo of Riggs, a reckless former Navy SEAL who moved to LA following the deaths of his wife Miranda and their unborn child, and Murtaugh (Damon Wayans), a steady family man who returned to the force following a heart attack.

The previous run ended with Murtaugh discovering just how far Riggs was prepared to go in pursuit of his wife's killers.

In this opening episode, Riggs is in Mexico, where he plans to avenge Miranda's death and finish off Tito Flores (Danny Mora) once and for all – but the cop's loyal partner is on his trail.

Once the duo are back in the US, they face some tough questions due to the ongoing investigation into Flores' activities – and Murtaugh's family also have a few points they'd like to get cleared up.

Meanwhile, Captain Avery (Kevin Rahm) is questioned by Internal Affairs about the integrity of his department.

But if the Miranda storyline does get wrapped up, can we expect a calmer, more responsible Riggs in the rest of season 2?

It seems not, as Crawford says that the forthcoming episodes will reveal that some of his character's problems predate the tragic loss of his family. Speaking to Collider, he said: "The beauty of TV is that you have 22 hours to tell a story, so we're gonna really find out who Riggs is and who he was before, and go into his childhood to see that it started out bad.

"I don't think we ever want Riggs healthy. The more Riggs is a mess, the more fun it is."

Lethal Weapon, Friday, ITV, 9pm

# BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**
**Silent Witness**
**BBC1, 9pm**
New series. Part one of two. Nikki struggles to come to terms with life back home and seeks out fellow pathologist Sally Vaughan for support, only to learn she is nowhere to be found. National Crime Agency investigator Guy Bernhardt asks Nikki to help him by employing pathologist David Cannon, the chief suspect in Sally's disappearance. Meanwhile, a body found in a reservoir is linked to a murder case from 16 years previously. Return of the crime drama, starring Emilia Fox, with Julian Rhind-Tutt and Alex Macqueen.

**TUESDAY**
**Working Class White Men**
**Channel 4, 10pm**
The first of a two-part documentary in which Professor Green finds out what life in modern Britain is like for working-class men in different parts of the country. He begins by meeting Lewis, who has his heart set on going to Cambridge University but is up against a culture of low expectations, Essex boy Denzil, an aspiring entrepreneur with numerous money-making schemes on the go, and unemployed David, who is currently living in a homeless hostel in Bolton and is on the verge of becoming involved in far-right politics.

**WEDNESDAY**
**Kiri**
**Channel 4, 9pm**
Two Bafta-winners – Jack Thorne, the writer behind National Treasure, and actress Sarah Lancashire, who picked up awards for Happy Valley and Last Tango in Halifax – team up for this highly anticipated new drama. Lancashire stars as Miriam, a no-nonsense social worker who takes an instinctive approach to protecting the children in her care. But her methods are called into question when she arranges for Kiri, a black girl who is about to be adopted by her white foster family, to have an unsupervised visit with her biological grandparents, only for the youngster to then disappear. The police, the press and even her colleagues seem to blame Miriam, but as the media spotlight intensifies, both sets of families also face some difficult questions.

**THURSDAY**
**Big Cats**
**BBC1, 8pm**
We are in a golden age of natural world television. However, of all the rare and fascinating creatures that have been caught on camera of late, there is still one group of animals that enthral us more than any other - the big cats. They are the planet's top predators, yet even in this remarkable animal family, some members stand out. The African lion, for example, is the only wild cat that lives in large family groups, and in Ruaha, Tanzania, we see how they form huge 'super prides' in order to hunt giants. There is also revealing footage of a tiny rusty spotted cat in Sri Lanka, a lynx surviving the bitterly cold winter in Canada, an African leopard raising her cub, and perhaps the world's most lonesome cat, the snow leopard, searching for a mate in the Himalayas.

Transformation Street, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

**Transformation Street**
**ITV, 9pm**
From firemen to soldiers, railway workers to writers, this three-part series follows the extraordinary transformations of men and women who all believe they were born into the wrong body. Filmed over a 12-month period, cameras have been given unprecedented access to a private clinic on Wimpole Street in London, run by world-renowned plastic surgeon Christopher Inglefield. Tonight we meet 20-year-old Lucas, who was born a girl but has been living as a man for two years. He arrives at the clinic with his mum Karen, for a consultation about having his breasts removed. Railway worker Wendy, 43, is also about to undergo her gender confirmation surgery at the clinic. After counting down the days for thirty years, Wendy is determined to have the female body that she felt should have been hers at birth and to have her male genitals removed.

**FRIDAY**
**The Wine Show**
**Channel 5, 7pm**
New series. Actors Matthew Goode and James Purefoy travel to the south of France to find wines to accompany a six-course lunch chosen by Michelin-starred chef Stephane Reynaud.

USE YOUR LOFT!
Bison Loft Ladders

£395 Special offer for limited time £299 (incl VAT) Quote Ref ZZ
Safety hand rail Unique to Bison
Over 10,000 Installations
Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. A "gas" strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.
- Fully manufactured by us in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- 'Bison' loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 4 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Fitted in approx 2 hours (including making the opening larger)
- NEW: Now available in white no painting required*
- NEW: Now complete with "comfort" feet to protect carpets and wooden floors.
NEW: Long Safety Side Handles*
*at extra cost
We also fit loft flooring, lighting and roof windows.
All major credit cards accepted
theloftstairscompany
The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 60, Atcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG
Visit our website www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk
Freephone 0800 389 1281
or mobile friendly 01743 761499

Unwanted hair?
Laser Hair Removal for all Skin Types...

Penn Laser Clinic
Laser, IPL & Electrolysis Hair Removal
Upper Lip Laser Removal £45* Chin & Neck Front £50* Full Face Laser Removal £80*
We also offer: Thread Veins, Skin Tag Removal & Melia Extraction (white spots)
Free Consultation & Test Patch. Evening Appointments Available.
The White House 194 Penn Road, Penn WV3 OEN Tel: 01902 343 007
www.pennlaserclinic.co.uk
*Prices per session

The Ticket
To advertise in this space please call Luke Durnall on 01902 319691

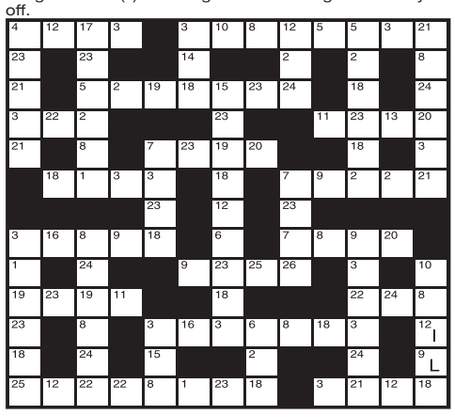
CLASSIFIEDS WORK!!!
"For over 30 years we have used Express & Star classified adverts which has resulted in many happy caravan owners!" Hillandale Caravans
"I average around 10 phone calls a week from customers as a direct result of my Classified Advertising. I am very happy with my response levels." Mr Causer.
WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY!...
"We have been advertising in the Express & Star and Chronicles for over 20 years and consider it a key part of our business with the regular flow of calls, which our advertising generates." Black Country Homes
"Wednesfield Carpentry & Gates are really pleased with their classified contract advertising response." John - Wednesfield Carpentry & Gates.
"I am extremely happy with the Service get from my Express & Star Classified Sales Representative and I would recommend them to anyone!" Michael - Portway Fencing
Call 01902 319 191
Brought to you by Express & Star

# BRAIN GYM

No.461

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



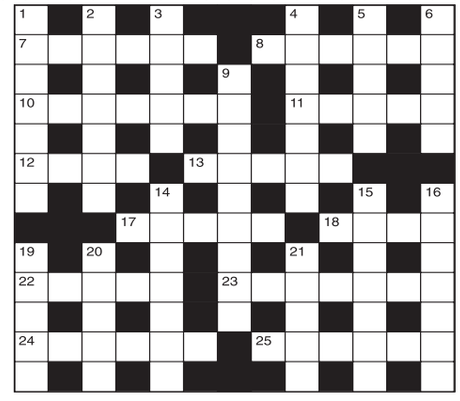
| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | 14 |
| 2 | 15 |
| 3 | 16 |
| 4 | 17 |
| 5 | 18 |
| 6 | 19 |
| 7 | 20 |
| 8 | 21 |
| 9 L | 22 |
| 10 | 23 |
| 11 | 24 |
| 12 I | 25 |
| 13 | 26 |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 O | 2 F | 3 H | 4 T | 5 M | 6 Z | 7 A | 8 U | 9 D | 10 P | 11 V | 12 Y | 13 X |
| 14 K | 15 B | 16 J | 17 R | 18 N | 19 G | 20 W | 21 I | 22 E | 23 L | 24 C | 25 S | 26 Q |

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



### Cryptic Clues:

**Across**

**7.** Changes which should be made by wrongdoers (6)
**8.** The source of a writer's material (6)
**10.** Send a boat down for coal (7)
**11.** Piece of land is on lease (5)
**12.** Some pay earned for a period (4)
**13.** Hides one's relatives on board (5)
**17.** A view that makes sense (5)
**18.** A pressing need (4)
**22.** Unusually eager to come to terms (5)
**23.** Smoke and produce an angry reaction (7)
**24.** Something to read in bed? (6)
**25.** They work to avoid discord (6)

**Down**

**1.** It sees or can be seen in the dark (4,3)
**2.** It has no meaning (7)
**3.** Revises information about tides (5)
**4.** Sensing change they finish top of the staff perhaps (7)
**5.** Upset to make light of (5)
**6.** Speak for the government? (5)
**9.** It may be adjusted for the rest of the holiday (4,5)
**14.** Generous in providing a form of Braille (7)
**15.** There are all types in his trade (7)
**16.** Concentrated in a nervous way (7)
**19.** One with no faith in father backing a horse (5)
**20.** Body in the baggage (5)
**21.** Brush and clean thoroughly (5)

### Quick Clues:

**Across**

**7.** Mend (6)
**8.** Hurry (6)
**10.** Guard (7)
**11.** Pamphlet (5)
**12.** Pitcher (4)
**13.** Underneath (5)
**17.** Ill-defined (5)
**18.** Independent (4)
**22.** Depress (5)
**23.** Honest (7)
**24.** Noiseless (6)
**25.** Style (6)

**Down**

**1.** Seer (7)
**2.** Against (7)
**3.** Compare (5)
**4.** Wariness (7)
**5.** Filch (5)
**6.** Concord (5)
**9.** Energetic (9)
**14.** Tramp (7)
**15.** Bandit (7)
**16.** Bonds (7)
**19.** Near (5)
**20.** Reside (5)
**21.** Fracture (5)

## Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 3 | 5 | 7 | | 9 | | | 2 |
| 6 | | 9 | | | | 1 | | |
| 8 | | | | 5 | 1 | | | 3 |
| | | | | 3 | | 8 | | |
| | 5 | | 2 | | 7 | | | |
| | | 4 | | 8 | | | | 6 |
| 7 | | | 4 | | | | | |
| | | 3 | | | 2 | 9 | | 7 |
| 4 | | 1 | 5 | | 6 | 2 | 3 | |

Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| 9 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 8 |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
| 2 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 |

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Poker; 4 Varnish; 8 Opinion; 9 Cream; 10 Lees; 11 Fortress; 13 Book; 14 Flog; 16 Tranquil; 17 Heat; 20 Chide; 21 Embargo; 22 Lighter; 23 Thyme.
Down: 1 Problematical; 2 Knife; 3 Rail; 4 Vendor; 5 Recitals; 6 Iceberg; 7 Home sweet home; 12 Conquest; 13 Bearing; 15 Linear; 18 Early; 19 Abut.
QUICK - Across: 1 Rival; 4 Diverts; 8 Fatuous; 9 Ledge; 10 Idle; 11 Profound; 13 Etna; 14 Heat; 16 Archives; 17 Part; 20 Irate; 21 Elevate; 22 Natural; 23 Dress.
Down: 1 Refrigeration; 2 Vital; 3 Loot; 4 Desert; 5 Vilified; 6 Redoubt; 7 Steadfastness; 12 Engineer; 13 Enchant; 15 Reveal; 18 Abate; 19 Send.

## Quiz

1. In which bay is the island of Capri?
2. Which soprano was born Helen Porter Mitchell?
3. In which city were the Plymouth Brethren founded?
4. In which Austrian city was Mozart born?
5. What was the Beatles' own record label called?
6. Which city's Roman name was Durovernum?
7. Which Royal's middle names are Elizabeth Alice Louise?
8. Which Radio 4 show did Kenneth Robinson present for 15 years?
9. Of what is the tog a unit of measurement?
10. Of which country was Victor Emmanuel proclaimed king in 1861?

**Last week's solutions:**

**Quiz:** 1 Edward VII; 2 White dove; 3 Grampians; 4 Crimean; 5 A tree; 6 Woody Woodpecker; 7 Bob Dylan; 8 Sarajevo; 9 Henrik Ibsen; 10 Vega.

**Niner:** FLOUNDERS

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

**12736** gives a fish,
**2933458** gives a second fish,
**2769** gives a third fish.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | |

# Why carvery did not pack a Punch

THE staff were brilliant. The chef at the carvery was cracking jokes about venison and Bambi.

The guy at the bar was having a meltdown within 10 minutes of opening and the front of house staff were directing customers like traffic cops at a busy road junction.

The Punch Bowl Inn, at Bridgnorth, offers a multi-award-winning AGA Carvery, decent value for money and delightful local ales. It's steeped in tradition, serves quality traditional food and drink and has been recognised by the local Camra branch for real ale.

And while it offers function rooms, a venue for weddings, guest rooms, a la carte menus and more, it's best known for its Sunday lunches.

Variety of vegetables along with different potato dishes

The Sunday special roast lunch proves very popular

## SENSIBLE

Try calling on a Sunday morning and you're likely to be told: 'Sorry, we're full'. I know. I've tried. This time I took the sensible option and booked well in advance.

When my friend and I arrived for a Sunday service, a queue had formed outside shortly before the venue's 12 noon opening. On a cool, crisp winter's morning, they hovered near to the Punch Bowl's garden, which provides magnificent views across the countryside.

As the clock struck 12, a click of the latch signalled the start of service and the early bird arrivals shuffled inside. All of which meant the bar resembled the check-in desk for a Ryanair flight to Alicante during mid-Summer.

Lunch at the Punch Bowl isn't quite a bun fight. It's far too civilised for that. But there's something curious about going out to eat then forming an orderly queue, like Soviet-era Russians waiting for bread. The serving area is a vast, heated pass, behind which stands an AGA. Vast joints of roasted meat waiting for customers while large bowls of vegetables and sides offer further sustenance. Our options were beef, turkey, pork, ham and venison, sliced by a cheerful chef with Shropshire's sharpest knife – and tongue. When my friend asked for venison, he quipped: "Nice, eating a bit of Bambi, are we?" Boom. Boom.

He garlanded my plate with a slice of beef, a tender piece of sweet, pink ham and a less-than-impressive piece of pork, which was much too fatty. And then we strolled past the Punch Bowl serving bowls, garnishing our plates with roast potatoes, parsnips, peas, carrots, garlic potatoes, Yorkshire puddings and more. The roast potatoes were good, though they'd lost a little of their crunch by standing on the pass. The parsnips were a treat, nicely caramelised and pleasingly sweet. The peas and carrots were a little too watery but the garlicky potatoes and cauliflower cheese were great. The Yorkshire puddings were nicely risen while a range of sauces – cranberry, apple, gravy et al – were suited to all-comers.

But it wasn't as enjoyable as it ought to have been. The gravy didn't pack a punch. The apple sauce wasn't particularly sharp. And though the garlic potatoes and cauliflower cheese were pleasant, other bits were bland.

The biggest problem was that the food – with the exception of the meat – was luke warm, not piping hot, and lost a little along the way.

We skipped desserts. We felt like we'd been the participants in some form of Food Olympics and there was insufficient room for a round of sweetened carbs. And as the other guests continued to tuck into their carvery dinners while the staff prepared for the 2pm sitting, we made our exit.

ANDY RICHARDSON

Strictly Ballroom

New BEGINNERS Classes for Adults & Children

WOLVERHAMPTON – Mondays from 8th January
52 Showell Lane, Penn, W'ton, WV4 4TT
Children's Ballroom & Latin – 6.15pm
Adults New Beginners Ballroom & Latin – 7.00pm

WOMBOURNE – Tuesdays from 9th January
Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, WV5 9HA
Children's Ballroom, Latin, Street & Hiphop – 6.15pm
Adults Fitsteps Ballroom & Latin exercise – 6.30pm
Adults New Beginners Ballroom & Latin – 7.45pm
Adults Popular Sequence Ballroom & Latin 8.00pm

SEDGLEY – Wednesdays from 10th January
Beacon Centre for the Blind, Wolverhampton Rd, WV4 6AZ
Adults New Beginners Ballroom and Latin – 7.00pm

WOMBOURNE – Thursdays from 11th January
Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, WV5 9HA
Adults New Beginners Jive – 7.30pm

BILSTON – Fridays from 12th January
The Scout Hut, Prouds Lane, Bilston, WV14 (opposite Dover St)
Children's Disco, Street, Hiphop – 5.15pm
Children's Ballroom & Latin – 6.15pm

WOLVERHAMPTON – Saturdays from 13th January
Smestow School, Windmill Cres, Castlecroft, W'ton, WV3 8HU
Children's Ballroom, Latin, Street & Hiphop – 11.00am

www.zigzagdance.co.uk
01902 897900
Learn with the stars of TV's Baby Ballroom. Singles welcome.

BEAUTIFUL DENTURES
Look Young & Feel Great!

- Make-over your smile
- Restore your confidence
- Enhance your appearance
- Proven, long-lasting durability

Eat the foods you love and laugh whenever you feel like it with natural-looking dentures that are individually hand-crafted to provide you with the perfect fit, feel and function!

iDenture

Ask us today about iDentures, the denture system that offers more options, better aesthetics, greater function and more confidence. Your iDenture, your choice.

"I am so happy to now offer these great fitting dentures, its amazing how people's lives have been changed at a fraction of the cost of implant treatments."
Richard Hazzledine

CALL NOW FOR FREE CONSULTATION

Richard Hazzledine, RDT CDT RCS (Eng)
Berry Street Denture Centre,
Wolverhampton
enquiries@bdentures.co.uk
www.beautifuldentures.co.uk
01902 426808
Find us on: facebook.

SAFELY ACCESS YOUR LOFT!
for only £399
Fully Fitted
This price is for a standard height ceiling with an 8ft drop, width 22-30"
Manufactured to ISO 9002 Standard

- We provide a convenient and safe way to access your loft.
- Each ladder has a 10 year parts guarantee and can be installed in approx. 2-3 hours.
- We offer a loft boarding service if required at an additional cost.

JAKES'D'LADDERS
The Local Distributor & Installer for
For more information visit: www.stira.co.uk
STIRA
Facebook: jakesnladders
CALL TO ARRANGE A FREE QUOTE
T: 01952 282152 or 07817 431505

WE NAILED IT!

Classified Advertising Works!
To advertise your business call 01902 319 191

# PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

## Modern ground floor apartment is stylish and secure

**A charming two-bedroomed ground floor apartment, 60 Greenock Crescent, Wolverhampton is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £92,500 with no chain.**

Within a gated community with allocated parking, this modern property has a potential rental income at £550 per calender month, making it ideal for investors.

Also ideal for first time buyers, or those wishing to downsize, its accommodation briefly comprises of a communal entrance, a private entrance, open plan living incorporating a lounge and a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, a second bedroom and a main bathroom.

Outside there is a secure allocated parking bay accessed behind an electric gated entrance.

In more detail the property is well presented and decorated in neutral shades throughout. The open plan living and kitchen area is of a good size, with the kitchen area featuring cream coloured units, complemented by black marble-effect working surfaces and cream coloured floor coverings. The en-suite and bathroom both feature modern white coloured sanitary ware, finished with chrome fittings and white splash-back tiling. The communal grounds are spacious and well maintained.

Call your local DB Roberts branch today to book your free property valuation.

DB Roberts and Partners are available seven days a week and a staggering 1,200 hours every year more than traditional estate agents. With over 50 years experience, they have established a reputation for success in property sales and have become recognised as market leaders.

DB Roberts are the only estate agent in its region to offer Video Walk-throughs. Its professional film crew has the latest technology to be able to professionally film your property and then seamlessly edit it. And because technology is continuously evolving with potential buyers now using their tablets and mobiles to search for properties, your 'Video Walkthrough' can be viewed on desktop, tablet and mobile. If you choose to put your property on the market with The DB Roberts Collection, you will receive a Video Walkthrough of your property included in your fee.

WOLVERHAMPTON **£92,500**

### TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

**AGENT: DB Roberts & Partners**
**TEL: 01902 427257**
**EMAIL: wolverhampton@dbroberts.co.uk**

### KEY FEATURES

- Ground floor apartment
- 2 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Open plan living
- Gated parking

YOU DESERVE MORE.

LOVE YOUR POSTCODE®

loveyourpostcode.com® | 01902 504 298 | 0800 862 0870

# Attractive detached home sits on a lovely plot

TETTENHALL
£499,950 <<<

**Recently new to the property market, this exceptionally attractive detached residence in Wergs Drive, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, stands in a lovely large plot at the end of an exclusive small cul-de-sac.**

It is for sale through Bartlams Estate Agents at £499,950

It has excellent accommodation of traditional character and comfortably appointed specification.

There is scope for some upgrading and enlargement to realise its full potential, said a spokesman for the selling agents.

Outside is extensive mature landscaped gardens providing a delightful environment with a good degree of privacy. This is a superb overall plot area of almost half an acre.

**Contact Bartlams on 01902 759888 or visit www.bartlams.co.uk**

# Spacious property in a popular area

WOLVERHAMPTON
£130,000

**Occupying a choice position on a small cul-de-sac in a popular residential area, 25 Whernside Drive, Whitemore Reans, Wolverhampton is a deceptively spacious semi-detached property that has been thoughtfully extended.**

Now having surprisingly spacious living accommodation, it is for sale through Thomas Harvey Estate Agents at £130,000.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest be shown in the sale of this property.

**For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact Thomas Harvey on 01902 758111 or visit www.thomasharvey.co.uk**

SDL AUCTIONS
BIGWOOD

SELL YOUR PROPERTY UNDER THE HAMMER

with the West Midlands' most successful auction network*

Entries now invited for our next auction

CALL US TODAY ON
0121 233 5046

www.sdlauctions.co.uk

*based on 2016 figures from Essential Information Group for number of lots sold for auctioneers based in the West Midlands

# availableCAR.COM

# Over 5000 cars between £4,000 and £24,000

AvailableCar Cannock The West Midland's largest Car Supermarket

## Over 1500 cars under £8000 or less than £172 per month

**10/59 Ford Ka 1.2 Studio 3dr** when new **£8919**
59 plate

you save **£5720** our price **£3199**

| | |
|---|---|
| 10/10 VW Fox 1.2 Urban Fox | £2,999 |
| 10/60 Vaux Corsa 1.3 CDTi E/F Excl | £3,499 |
| 12/61 Citr C1 1.0 VTR | £3,999 |
| 14/64 Suzuki Alto 1.0 SZ | £3,999 |
| 10/10 Ford Ka 1.2 Zetec | £4,199 |
| 13/13 Toyota Aygo 1.0 VVT-i Ice | £4,399 |
| 14/64 Suzuki Alto 1.0 SZ | £4,499 |
| 13/13 Citr C1 1.0 VTR | £4,599 |
| 10/60 Hyundai I20 1.2 Comfort | £4,699 |
| 12/12 Toyota Aygo 1.0 VVT-i Ice | £4,799 |
| 12/12 Fiat 500 1.2 Pop | £4,999 |
| 12/12 Vaux Agila 1.2 VVT SE | £4,999 |
| 10/60 Peug 207 SW 1.4 VTi S Panroof | £4,999 |
| 14/64 Ford Ka 1.2 Studio | £4,999 |
| 11/11 Vaux Astra 1.6 SRi | £4,999 |
| 14/14 Vaux Corsa 1.0 Sting | £4,999 |
| 12/12 Ren Clio 1.2 GT Line TomT | £5,199 |
| 11/60 Suzuki SX4 1.6 SZ5 4WD | £5,299 |
| 12/62 Kia Rio 1.1 CRDi 2 EcoDyns | £5,299 |
| 13/13 Chevrolet Aveo 1.4 LT A | £5,299 |
| 11/11 Toyota Yaris 1.33 VVT-i TR | £5,299 |
| 14/14 Peug 107 1.0 Allure | £5,299 |
| 13/13 Toyota Aygo 1.0 VVT-I Fire | £5,399 |
| 14/14 Ford Ka 1.2 Edge | £5,399 |
| 13/63 Nissan Micra 1.2 Visia | £5,499 |
| 14/14 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Des | £5,499 |
| 12/62 Fiat 500 0.9 TwinAir Lounge | £5,499 |
| 14/64 Citr C1 1.0 VTi Feel | £5,499 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Excite | £5,599 |
| 14/63 Hyundai I10 1.0 SE | £5,599 |
| 14/14 Toyota Aygo 1.0 VVT-i Move with Style | £5,699 |
| 14/14 Toyota Aygo 1.0 VVT-i Move | £5,699 |
| 14/14 Fiat 500 1.2 Pop | £5,799 |
| 15/64 VW Up 1.0 Take Up | £5,799 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Excite | £5,799 |
| 13/13 Peug 208 1.2 VTi Access+ | £5,799 |
| 12/12 Mazda Mazda2 1.3 Tamura | £5,799 |
| 11/11 VW Polo 1.2 70 Moda | £5,899 |
| 14/64 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Style | £5,999 |
| 15/15 Peug 108 1.0 Act | £5,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Excite | £5,999 |
| 12/62 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec | £5,999 |
| 12/12 Ren Meg Coup 1.6 VVT 110 I-Music | £5,999 |
| 11/61 VW Polo 1.2 60 S | £5,999 |
| 14/64 Ford Ka 1.2 Zetec | £5,999 |
| 13/13 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Ltd Ed | £5,999 |
| 14/64 Kia Picanto 1.0 VR7 | £5,999 |
| 13/13 Toyota Aygo 1.0 VVT-i Fire MMT | £6,099 |
| 13/13 VW Up 1.0 High Up | £6,199 |
| 15/64 Dacia Sandero 1.5 dCi 90 Laureate | £6,199 |
| 14/63 Dacia Sandero Stepway 0.9 TCe 90 | £6,199 |
| 15/15 Citr C1 1.0 VTi Flair | £6,299 |
| 16/16 Skoda Citigo 1.0 S | £6,299 |
| 14/14 Fiat 500 1.2 S | £6,299 |
| 15/15 Peug 108 1.0 Act | £6,299 |
| 14/14 Fiat 500 1.2 S | £6,299 |
| 14/14 Vaux Corsa 1.2 VVT SE | £6,299 |
| 15/15 Peug 108 1.0 Act | £6,299 |
| 14/64 Fiat Panda 1.2 Lounge | £6,399 |
| 14/14 Fiat 500 1.2 Colour Therapy | £6,399 |
| 14/64 Vaux Adam 1.2 Jam | £6,399 |
| 14/64 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Style | £6,399 |
| 15/65 Citr C1 Airscape 1.2 PureTech Feel | £6,499 |
| 14/63 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec | £6,499 |
| 14/14 Seat Ibiza 1.4 Toca | £6,499 |
| 13/13 Ford Fiesta 1.5 TDCi Zetec | £6,499 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 0.9 TwinAir Lounge | £6,499 |
| 14/14 Nissan Note 1.5 dCi 90 Ace | £6,499 |
| 14/64 VW Up 1.0 High Up | £6,499 |
| 13/63 Fiat 500 1.2 S Stripe Kit | £6,499 |
| 13/13 Vaux Astra 1.4 Energy | £6,499 |
| 11/61 Honda Civic 1.4 i-VTEC Si | £6,599 |
| 15/15 Vaux Corsa 1.4 Sting | £6,599 |
| 13/63 Ford Fiesta 1.0 Zetec | £6,599 |
| 12/61 Volvo C30 2.0 ES | £6,599 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.2 SE | £6,599 |
| 14/64 Nissan Note 1.2 Ace | £6,599 |
| 15/65 Fiat 500 1.2 Pop | £6,599 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.2 SE | £6,699 |
| 15/15 Fiat 500 1.2 Lounge | £6,699 |
| 15/64 Vaux Corsa 1.2 SE | £6,699 |
| 14/64 Citr C1 Airspace 1.2 PureTech Flair | £6,699 |
| 15/15 Vaux Astra 1.6 VVT Des | £6,699 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 1.2 Colour Therapy | £6,699 |

**13/63 Peugeot 508 1.6 e-HDi 115 Active 4dr** when new **£21945**
63 plate

you save **£13946** our price **£7999**

| | |
|---|---|
| 14/64 Fiat Panda 1.2 Lounge | £6,699 |
| 14/64 Citr C3 1.2 VTi Selection | £6,799 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 1.2 Colour Therapy Alloys | £6,799 |
| 15/15 Peug 208 1.0 VTi Access+ | £6,799 |
| 13/13 Vaux Astra Est 1.6 VVT SE | £6,799 |
| 10/10 VW Golf 1.6 TDi SE | £6,799 |
| 14/14 Citr DS3 1.2 VTi DSign | £6,799 |
| 13/63 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec | £6,799 |
| 15/65 Peug 108 1.2 PureTech Allure | £6,799 |
| 15/65 Ren Twingo 0.9 TCE Dyn | £6,799 |
| 12/12 Vaux Astra Est 1.6 VVT SE | £6,799 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 1.2 S | £6,799 |
| 12/12 Ford Focus 1.6 Zetec | £6,799 |
| 14/64 Peug 208 1.2 VTi Style | £6,799 |
| 15/15 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Life | £6,799 |
| 16/16 Citr C1 1.2 PureTech Feel | £6,799 |
| 15/15 Hyundai I20 1.2 Act | £6,799 |
| 15/64 Peug 208 1.4 HDi Act | £6,799 |
| 12/61 Vaux Astra Est 2.0 CDTi 165 E/F SRi | £6,799 |
| 16/16 Citr C1 1.2 PureTech Feel | £6,899 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 1.2 Lounge | £6,899 |
| 11/61 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 160 SRi Nav | £6,899 |
| 15/15 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Ltd Ed | £6,899 |
| 15/65 Citr C1 1.2 PureTech Flair | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 0.9 TwinAir Lounge | £6,999 |
| 15/15 Fiat 500 1.2 S 16in Alloys | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Ford Ka 1.2 T | £6,999 |
| 14/14 Kia Soul 1.6 GDi Start | £6,999 |
| 12/62 Nissan Note 1.6 Ace A | £6,999 |
| 14/14 Peug 2008 1.4 HDi Act | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Peug 208 1.2 VTi Act | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Peug Bipper Tipee 1.3 HDi 75 S | £6,999 |
| 14/14 Toyota Yaris 1.33 VVT-i Icon+ | £6,999 |
| 15/65 Vaux Corsa 1.4 Des | £6,999 |
| 16/16 Vaux Corsa 1.4 Sting | £6,999 |
| 13/13 Citr C3 Picasso 1.6 HDi Excl | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 1.2 Lounge | £6,999 |
| 12/62 Ford Fiesta 1.6 TDCi Zetec S Bluetooth | £6,999 |
| 12/61 Hyundai Veloster 1.6 GDi | £6,999 |
| 15/65 Nissan Note 1.2 Ace | £6,999 |
| 13/63 Ren Meg Coup 1.5 dCi 110 Knight Ed 3dr | £6,999 |
| 15/15 Skoda Citigo 1.0 SE ASG | £6,999 |
| 11/61 Vaux Astra 2.0 CDTi 165 E/F Elite | £6,999 |
| 15/64 Vaux Corsa 1.4 SE | £6,999 |
| 13/13 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 160 Excl | £6,999 |
| 13/13 Citr DS3 Cabrio 1.6 THP 155 DSp+ 2dr | £6,999 |
| 15/15 Fiat 500 1.2 Lounge | £6,999 |
| 11/61 Ford Focus 1.6 125 Zetec App Pk | £6,999 |
| 12/62 Mini Cooper 1.6 Pp/Pk | £6,999 |
| 12/62 Skoda Octavia Est 1.6 TDI SE | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Adam 1.2 Jam | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.4 Des | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Meriva 1.4 Excl | £6,999 |
| 12/12 Citr DS3 1.6 VTi 120 DStyle A | £6,999 |
| 15/15 Fiat 500 1.2 S | £6,999 |
| 12/62 Ford Focus 1.0 E/B 125 Zetec App Pk | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Peug 108 1.2 VTi Allure | £6,999 |
| 12/62 Seat Leon 1.6 TDi 105 SE Copa Eco | £6,999 |
| 14/14 Vaux Adam 1.4 Siam Body Kit | £6,999 |
| 15/64 Vaux Corsa 1.4 SRi | £6,999 |

## Over 1600 Small Cars including...

| | |
|---|---|
| 14/64 Audi A1 1.4 TFSI Sp S Tronic | £13,299 |
| 15/65 Audi A1 Spback 1.6 TDi S Line | £14,299 |
| 15/65 Citr C1 1.0 VTi Feel | £5,599 |
| 16/16 Citr C1 1.2 PureTech Feel | £6,899 |
| 15/65 Citr C3 1.2 PureTech VTR+ | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Citr DS3 1.6 BlueHDi 120 DSire+ LED | £8,799 |
| 13/13 Citr DS3 1.6 VTi 120 DStyle+ | £7,299 |
| 16/16 DS DS3 1.2 PureTech Chic | £9,799 |
| 14/14 Fiat 500 1.2 Colour Therapy | £6,399 |
| 15/15 Fiat 500 1.2 Lounge | £7,199 |
| 15/15 Fiat 500 1.2 Pop | £6,299 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500 1.2 S 16in Alloys | £6,999 |
| 14/64 Fiat Panda 1.2 Lounge | £6,499 |
| 17/17 Ford Fiesta 1.0 E/B 100 T Nav City Pk | £11,699 |
| 14/64 Ford Fiesta 1.0 E/B 125 T | £7,999 |
| 15/65 Ford Fiesta 1.0 E/B 140 Zetec S Red Ed | £10,999 |
| 10/10 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec City Pk | £5,499 |
| 15/15 Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec | £8,599 |
| 12/12 Ford Fiesta 1.4 Zetec | £6,899 |
| 13/13 Ford Fiesta 1.6 E/B 180 ST-2 Nav Style | £10,499 |
| 17/17 Ford Fiesta 1.6 T Nav P/Shift | £11,699 |
| 12/12 Ford Ka 1.2 Zetec | £5,299 |
| 14/14 Hyundai I10 1.0 SE | £6,399 |
| 12/62 Hyundai IX20 1.4 Style | £6,999 |

**14/64 Ford Fiesta 1.0 E/B 100 Zetec 5dr** when new **£15060**
64 plate

you save **£8061** our price **£6999**

| | |
|---|---|
| 12/12 Kia Venga 1.4 EcoDyns 2 | £5,699 |
| 15/15 Mini Cooper 1.5 Chili Pk | £11,799 |
| 12/62 Mini Countryman Cooper 1.6 | £9,399 |
| 16/66 Mini One 1.2 Pan Roof | £11,499 |
| 13/13 Mini Roadster Cooper 1.6 Chili Pk 17in | £8,999 |
| 14/14 Peug 107 1.0 Allure | £5,299 |
| 16/16 Peug 108 1.2 PureTech Allure | £7,599 |
| 15/15 Peug 108 Top 1.2 VTi Allure | £7,299 |
| 15/65 Peug 208 1.2 PureTech Allure EAT6 | £9,699 |
| 14/64 Peug 208 1.2 VTi Style | £7,299 |
| 15/65 Peug 208 1.6 BlueHDi 120 Feline | £9,799 |
| 16/16 Ren Clio 0.9 TCE 90 Dyn S Nav | £8,999 |
| 14/64 Ren Clio 1.5 dCi 90 Dyn MedNav | £7,999 |
| 16/66 Ren Clio 1.5 dCi 90 Dyn S Nav | £10,499 |
| 16/66 Seat Ibiza Coup 1.0 Sol | £7,599 |
| 15/15 Skoda Fabia 1.0 S | £7,299 |
| 14/64 Suzuki Swift 1.6 WVT Sp | £7,499 |
| 16/65 Toyota Aygo 1.0 WVT-i X-Pression | £7,199 |
| 14/64 Vaux Adam 1.2 Jam 16in Alloys | £6,499 |
| 14/14 Vaux Corsa 1.0 Sting | £4,999 |
| 15/15 Vaux Corsa 1.2 Ltd Ed | £7,299 |
| 15/64 Vaux Corsa 1.3 CDTi Des | £6,399 |
| 16/66 Vaux Corsa 1.4 Elite Reverse Camera | £9,999 |
| 15/15 Vaux Corsa 1.4 Life | £7,399 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.4 SE | £6,599 |
| 15/65 Vaux Corsa 1.4 SRi | £7,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Corsa 1.4 SXi | £6,999 |
| 15/65 Vaux Corsa 1.6T VXR Perform/Carbon | £12,299 |
| 13/13 VW Polo 1.2 60 Match Ed | £7,799 |
| 11/61 VW Polo 1.2 TDI Match | £6,499 |
| 14/64 VW Polo 1.2 TSI SE A | £9,999 |
| 15/15 VW Polo 1.4 TSI ACT BlueGT | £12,499 |
| 14/64 VW Up 1.0 High Up | £6,999 |
| 15/64 VW Up 1.0 Move Up Nav | £5,999 |
| 15/15 VW Up 1.0 Take Up | £5,999 |

## Over 1000 Medium Cars including...

| | |
|---|---|
| 12/62 Alfa Giulietta 1.4 TB 120 Lusso | £7,699 |
| 14/14 Audi A3 2.0 TDI 150 SE | £12,499 |
| 12/62 Audi A3 Spback 1.6 TDI Sp | £9,299 |
| 14/14 Audi A3 Spback 2.0 TDi 184 Sp | £12,499 |
| 14/14 Bmw 1 116d 2.0 Sp | £10,699 |
| 14/64 Bmw 1 120d 2.0 M Sp Leather Xenons | £13,799 |
| 13/63 Citr C4 1.6 e-HDi 115 Selection Panroof | £7,299 |
| 14/14 Citr DS4 1.6 e-HDi 115 DStyle | £7,999 |
| 15/65 Ford Focus 1.0 E/B 125 T Nav | £12,299 |
| 13/63 Ford Focus 1.0 E/B 125 Zetec S 18in | £9,599 |
| 14/64 Ford Focus 1.5 TDCi T Nav | £9,999 |
| 14/14 Ford Focus 1.6 105 Zetec | £8,299 |
| 16/66 Ford Focus 1.6 125 T Nav Powersh | £12,999 |
| 14/14 Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi T | £8,599 |
| 14/14 Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi T X Nav | £10,699 |
| 14/64 Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi Zetec Nav | £9,699 |
| 15/65 Ford Focus 2.0 TDCi 185 ST-2 Nav | £15,799 |
| 12/62 Honda Civic 1.4 i-VTEC SE | £8,399 |
| 10/60 Honda Civic 1.8 i-VTEC Si | £5,999 |
| 17/17 Infiniti Q30 1.5d SE | £14,799 |
| 14/64 Kia Pro Ceed 1.6 GDi S EcoDyns | £9,299 |
| 15/64 Mazda Mazda3 1.5 SE Nav | £9,999 |
| 15/15 Mazda Mazda3 2.2d Sp Nav | £11,499 |
| 14/64 Merc A A180 1.5 CDI B/E Sp | £14,499 |
| 15/65 Merc A A180d 1.5 SE | £14,599 |
| 14/14 Merc A A200 2.1 CDI AMG Sp Night P | £16,699 |
| 15/65 Nissan Pulsar 1.2 DIG-T Ace | £9,499 |
| 16/66 Peug 308 1.2 PureTech 130 GT Line | £15,499 |
| 16/66 Peug 308 1.6 BlueHDi 120 Allure | £10,999 |
| 14/64 Peug 308 1.6 e-HDi 115 Feline | £10,899 |
| 14/64 Peug 308 1.6 HDi 92 Act Nav | £8,699 |
| 13/63 Ren Clio 1.5 dCi 90 Dyn S MedNav | £7,399 |
| 14/14 Ren Meg 1.6 VVT Exp+ | £6,999 |
| 16/16 Seat Leon 1.2 TSI 110 SE Dyn | £11,999 |
| 15/15 Seat Leon 1.6 TDI 105 SE Tech Pk | £9,799 |
| 13/63 Seat Leon 2.0 TDI 150 SE Tech Pk | £7,699 |

**12/12 Volkswagen Golf 2.0 TDi 140 GT 5dr** when new **£22361**
12 plate

you save **£13362** our price **£8999**

| | |
|---|---|
| 14/64 Seat Leon Coup 1.4 TSI 150 FR 18in | £10,399 |
| 10/60 Toyota Auris 1.6 V-Matic SR | £5,899 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra 1.4 SRi | £7,199 |
| 15/65 Vaux Astra 1.4 SRi Bluetooth | £8,499 |
| 17/17 Vaux Astra 1.4T 150 SRi A | £12,199 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra 1.6 CDTi 136 E/F Des | £7,999 |
| 15/15 Vaux Astra 1.6 VVT Des | £6,699 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra 1.6 VVT Elite | £8,799 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra 1.6 VVT Elite A | £8,999 |
| 15/65 Vaux Astra 1.6 VVT SRi | £8,199 |
| 12/12 Vaux Astra 1.6 VVT SRi Vx-line | £5,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra 2.0 CDTi 165 E/F Elite | £8,799 |
| 12/12 Vaux Astra 2.0 CDTi 165 SRi Vx-line A | £7,999 |
| 16/16 Vaux Astra GTC 1.6 CDTi 110 E/F SRi | £10,699 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra GTC 2.0 CDTi 165 SRi | £9,299 |
| 14/14 VW Beetle 2.0 TDI 140 Sp | £11,299 |
| 12/62 VW Golf 1.6 TDi 105 Match | £7,599 |
| 13/13 VW Golf 1.6 TDI 105 SE | £9,699 |
| 15/65 VW Golf 1.6 TDI 110 Match | £11,699 |
| 11/61 VW Golf 2.0 TDI 140 GT Leather | £8,599 |
| 14/64 VW Golf 2.0 TDI 150 Match | £11,999 |
| 15/15 VW Golf 2.0 TDI 184 GTD | £16,999 |
| 12/12 VW Golf Cab 1.6 TDI BMT SE 2dr | £9,299 |
| 14/64 VW Scirocco 2.0 TDi 150 BMT GT | £14,499 |

## Over 600 Large Cars including...

| | |
|---|---|
| 15/15 Audi A3 Saloon 2.0 TDI 184 S Line | £17,499 |
| 13/13 Audi A4 2.0 TDI 177 Quattro S Tronic | £14,599 |
| 14/64 Audi A5 Coup 2.0 TDI 163 Ultra SE 2dr | £13,799 |
| 12/12 Audi A6 2.0 TDI 177 S Line | £14,999 |
| 13/63 Audi A6 2.0 TDI 177 SE Nav | £14,799 |
| 15/15 Audi A6 2.0 TDI 190 Ultra SE | £15,699 |
| 11/11 Audi TT Coup 2.0 TDI Quattro Black Ed | £12,999 |
| 09/59 Audi TTS Coup 2.0T FSI 270 Quattro | £13,299 |
| 13/63 Bmw 3 318d 2.0 Sp Bus Med 18in | £13,299 |
| 16/16 Bmw 3 320d 2.0 EfficientDyns Sp 19in | £17,999 |
| 13/63 Bmw 3 320d 2.0 M Sp A Nav Leather | £15,999 |
| 15/15 Bmw 3 320d 2.0 Sp Nav | £14,999 |
| 14/14 Bmw 3 GT 320d 2.0 M Sp Leather Pro | £15,999 |
| 15/15 Bmw 4 Coup 430d 3.0 Lux 2dr A Pro | £19,999 |
| 13/63 Bmw 5 520d 2.0 M Sp A Bus Med | £16,499 |
| 14/63 Bmw 5 520d 2.0 SE A | £14,999 |
| 14/14 Chevrolet Cruze 1.7 VCDI LT | £6,499 |
| 15/65 DS DS5 1.6 BlueHDi 120 Ele | £13,799 |
| 16/16 Ford Mondeo 2.0 187 Hybrid T A | £15,999 |
| 17/17 Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi 150 T X-Pk | £18,999 |
| 14/14 Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi 163 Zetec BusEd | £9,999 |
| 15/15 Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi 180 T X Pk | £13,999 |
| 15/65 Hyundai I40 1.7 CRDi 115 Blu/D S | £9,799 |
| 16/65 Jaguar XE 2.0d 180 R-Sp A | £20,499 |
| 14/64 Jaguar XF 2.2d 200 R-Sp A | £18,199 |
| 14/14 Jaguar XF Spback 2.2 163 SE Bus | £14,499 |
| 14/14 Mazda Mazda6 2.0 SE-L Nav | £11,999 |
| 17/17 Mazda Mazda6 2.0 Sp Nav | £18,999 |
| 14/64 Mazda Mazda6 2.2d 175 Sp Nav A | £14,499 |
| 14/64 Merc C C220 2.1 BlueTec AMG Pan | £18,699 |
| 13/13 Merc C C250 Coup 2.1 CDI B/E AMG | £13,999 |
| 15/15 Merc CLA 180 1.6 Sp Nav | £19,699 |
| 14/14 Merc E E220 2.1 CDI SE A | £17,499 |
| 14/64 Nissan 370Z 3.7 V6 328 GT | £21,499 |
| 13/63 Peug 508 1.6 HDi 115 Act Nav | £7,799 |
| 13/13 Peug RCZ Coup 2.0 HDi 163 GT 2dr | £11,199 |
| 16/16 Skoda Octavia 1.6 TDI SE | £10,999 |
| 15/65 Skoda Octavia 2.0 TDI 184 vRS | £15,499 |
| 15/15 Skoda Octavia 2.0 TDI 184 vRS Nav | £15,799 |
| 14/14 Skoda Superb 2.0 TDI 140 SE | £9,999 |
| 11/61 Toyota Avensis 2.0 D-4D TR Nav | £7,599 |
| 16/16 Vaux Insignia 1.6 CDTi SRi Nav | £11,499 |
| 15/15 Vaux Insignia 1.8 VVT SRi 18inAlloys | £9,199 |
| 14/14 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 120 SRi Vx-Line | £11,599 |
| 14/14 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 140 E/F Elite Nav | £9,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 140 E/F SE | £9,699 |
| 14/64 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 140 E/F SRi Nav | £9,999 |
| 15/15 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 140 E/F Tech | £9,699 |

**14/64 Vauxhall Insignia 2.0 CDTi 140 E/F Elite** when new **£24514**
64 plate

you save **£14215** our price **£10299**

| | |
|---|---|
| 13/63 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 160 Excl Plus Pk | £7,199 |
| 15/15 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 163 E/F Elite | £11,599 |
| 14/64 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 163 Elite Nav | £10,899 |
| 14/14 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 163 SRi Vx-Line | £10,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 163 SRi VX-Line | £12,699 |
| 16/16 Vaux Insignia 2.0 CDTi 170 SRi Vx-Line | £12,899 |
| 14/14 VW CC 2.0 TDi 140 BMT Nav | £11,999 |
| 14/64 VW CC 2.0 TDI 140 BMT GT | £11,999 |
| 16/16 VW CC 2.0 TDI 150 GT Black Ed DSG | £17,999 |
| 15/15 VW Passat 1.6 TDI 120 SE Bus | £13,699 |
| 14/14 VW Passat 2.0 TDI 140 BMT R Line | £10,299 |
| 10/10 VW Passat CC 1.8 TSI 18in Alloys | £7,999 |

## 1500 MPVs/SUVs, Estates, 4x4s including...

| | |
|---|---|
| 12/62 Audi A4 AllRoad 2.0 TDI 177 Quattro | £15,199 |
| 14/64 Bmw 2 Act Tourer 218d 2.0 SE | £13,499 |
| 14/64 Bmw 3 Touring 320d 2.0 xDrive Sp A | £16,499 |
| 16/66 Ford Focus Est 1.5 TDCi T Nav | £12,999 |
| 14/64 Ford Focus Est 1.6 TDCi T Nav | £10,399 |
| 14/63 Ford Mondeo Est 1.6 TDCi Eco T X Bus | £9,999 |
| 14/64 Honda Civic Tourer 1.6 i-DTEC SE+ | £9,699 |
| 14/14 Mazda Mazda6 Tourer 2.2d 175 Sp | £13,499 |
| 16/66 Peug 2008 1.2 PureTech 82 Allure | £11,999 |
| 17/17 Peug 2008 1.6 BlueHDi 100 Act | £10,999 |
| 14/64 Peug 2008 1.6 e-HDi 92 Allure EGC Pan | £9,699 |
| 14/64 Peug 308 SW 1.6 HDi 115 Allure | £9,499 |
| 14/64 Seat Leon Est 1.6 TDi 105 SE DSG | £8,799 |
| 14/64 Skoda Octavia Est 1.6 TDI 105 Black Ed | £11,999 |
| 11/61 Skoda Superb Est 2.0 TDI 170 Ele | £8,999 |
| 15/15 Vaux Astra Est 1.6 VVT Elite A | £8,599 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra Est 2.0 CDTi 165 Elite | £8,999 |
| 14/64 Vaux Astra Est 2.0 CDTi 165 SRi A | £8,999 |
| 15/15 Vaux Insignia Tourer 2.0 CDTI 163 E/F | £12,799 |
| 14/14 VW Golf Est 1.6 TDI 105 SE Nav | £9,499 |
| 12/62 Audi Q3 2.0 TDI 140 Quattro S Line | £15,299 |
| 14/64 Ford EcoSp 1.5 TDCi T X Pk | £10,999 |
| 15/65 Ford Kuga 2.0 TDCi 150 TX 2WD App | £15,699 |
| 17/17 Honda Cr-v 2.0 i-VTEC SE Plus 2WD | £20,499 |
| 16/65 Kia Spage 1.7 CRDi 3 2WD | £15,299 |
| 15/15 Mitsub Outlander 2.0 PHEV GX4h 4WD | £17,699 |
| 15/64 Nissan Juke 1.5 dCi 110 Tekna 2WD | £9,999 |
| 12/12 Nissan Juke 1.6 DIG-T Kuro 2WD | £9,199 |
| 17/17 Nissan Qqai 1.2 DIG-T XTronic 2WD | £16,599 |
| 16/66 Nissan Qqai 1.5 dCi 110 Ace 2WD Pan | £14,499 |
| 14/64 Nissan Qqai 1.5 dCi 110 N-Tec 2WD | £12,999 |
| 14/64 Nissan Qqai 1.5 dCi 110 Tekna 2WD | £13,799 |
| 15/15 Nissan Qqai 1.6 dCi 130 N-Tec+ 2WD | £13,999 |
| 14/64 Ren Captur 0.9 TCE 90 Dyn S MedNav | £9,699 |
| 17/17 Ren Kadjar 1.5 dCi 110 Dyn Nav EDC | £16,199 |
| 14/64 Toyota Rav4 2.0 D-4D Invincible 4WD | £15,799 |
| 14/14 Vaux Mokka 1.6 VVT Excl 2WD | £9,799 |
| 15/15 Vaux Mokka 1.7 CDTi 130 SE 4WD | £11,499 |
| 17/17 Vaux Mokka X 1.6 CDTi 136 Des 2WD | £14,399 |
| 14/64 VW Tiguan 2.0 TDi 140 BMT DSG 4 | £17,999 |
| 11/11 Citr Berlingo M/Space 1.6 HDi 90 Plus | £6,299 |
| 16/66 Citr C4 Picasso 1.6 BlueHDI 120 Touch | £12,499 |
| 14/64 Citr C4 Picasso 1.6 e-HDi 115 A/D Excl | £11,699 |
| 15/15 Fiat 500L 1.3 Multijet Lounge | £8,799 |
| 14/64 Fiat 500L MPW 1.6 Multijet Pop 7 Seat | £9,499 |
| 14/64 Ford B-Max 1.6 TDCi T City Pk | £8,499 |
| 14/14 Ford C-Max 1.0 E/B 125 T 18in Alloys | £9,999 |
| 14/64 Ford C-Max 1.6 TDCi T | £9,499 |
| 14/64 Ford C-Max 1.6 Zetec | £8,999 |
| 15/65 Ford C-Max 2.0 TDCi T Nav Powers | £12,999 |
| 14/14 Ford Grand C-Max 1.6 TDCi Zetec | £9,799 |
| 17/17 Ford S-Max 2.0 TDCi 180 T Sp X Pk | £23,499 |
| 12/62 Merc B B200 1.8 CDI B/E Sp | £11,499 |
| 14/64 Nissan Note 1.5 dCi 90 Tekna | £7,599 |
| 14/64 Peug 3008 1.6 e-HDi 115 Allure EGC | £11,399 |
| 14/64 Peug 5008 1.6 HDi 115 Act | £10,799 |
| 14/14 Ren Scenic 1.5 dCi 110 Dyn TomT | £9,399 |
| 15/65 Vaux Meriva 1.4 Tech Line | £8,999 |
| 10/60 Vaux Zafira 1.7 CDTi 110 E/F Excl | £5,299 |
| 14/64 Vaux Zafira Tourer 1.8 VVT Excl | £10,299 |

**14/14 Ford C-Max 1.0 E/B 125 Titanium 5dr** when new **£21345**
14 plate

you save **£11346** our price **£9999**

**Over 30 different brands** without having to visit 30 different garages.

AVAILABLE CAR PRICE PROMISE

**Our unique Price Promise** guarantees you the Best Possible Price.

•

All cars checked & prepared to **main dealer standards**.

•

Trusted to deliver **World Class Customer Service**.

•

Our Part Exchange valuation could be **worth £100s more to you**.

CLICK & COLLECT

Every car available at every store with **Click & Collect**.

View and book a test drive in any of over 5000 cars NOW at:

# www.availableCAR.com

**7.9%** Representative APR

Hire PurchaseRepresentative Example:

| | |
|---|---|
| 60 Monthly Payments of | £171.50 |
| On The Road Price | £7999.00 |
| Customer Deposit | NIL |
| Amount of Credit | £7999.00 |
| Interest Charges | £2291.00 |
| Total Amount Payable | £10,290.00 |
| Fixed Interest Rate | 5.73% |
| Duration of Agreement | 60 months |
| Representative APR | 10.9% APR |

AvailableCar are licensed Credit brokers, written Quotations are available on request subject to status. 18 years old or over.

ESTABLISHED 15 YEARS **15 YEARS** IN THE MIDLANDS

Delivering **World Class Service**

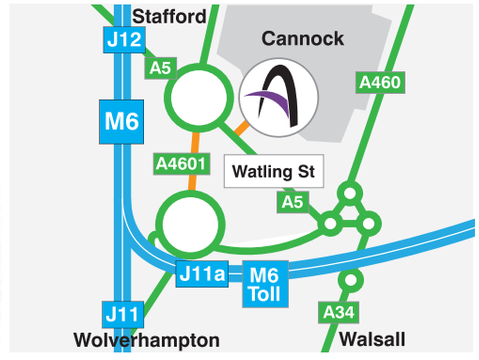
**AvailableCar Cannock**
A5 Watling Street, Cannock
WS11 1SL
From Jct 28 M62 take A650 towards Bradford, turn right at the first set of lights (2 miles from the M1)

**0800 804 6685**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Monday:** | **9am - 9pm** |
| **Tuesday:** | **9am - 8pm** |
| **Wednesday:** | **9am - 8pm** |
| **Thursday:** | **9am - 9pm** |
| **Friday:** | **9am - 8pm** |
| **Saturday:** | **9am - 6pm** |
| **Sunday:** | **10am- 5pm** |

Sunday: first hour viewing only

...and you can phone us any day **until 10pm**



Wolverhampton Chronicle Thursday, January 4, 2018

Scénic and Grand Scénic are the first models to get TCe

# Renault announces pricing for new petrol engine in Scénics

**Renault has announced UK pricing for the new direct injection turbocharged petrol engine that will first launch in the Scénic and Grand Scénic line-up. The new Energy TCe engine will be offered in other models from 2018. Pricing for the new engine in the Scénic line-up starts from £22,005 on-the-road. Orders for the new Scénic and Grand Scénic with Energy TCe 115 and TCe 140 outputs are now with first customer deliveries expected during February.**

This new engine offers a significant improvement in driving pleasure, with increased torque at low revs and greater and constant availability at high revs, while reducing fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

The new 1.3-litre petrol engine, coupled with manual and EDC dual-clutch automatic transmissions, incorporates several recent Alliance-developed innovations, including Bore Spray Coating which improves efficiency by reducing friction and optimising heat transfer. Other technologies enhance driving enjoyment and reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions: the pressure of the direct fuel injection has been raised to 250 bar and a specific combustion chamber design optimises the fuel/air mix. In addition, 'Dual Variable Timing Camshaft' technology controls the intake and exhaust valves according to engine loads. The result is increased torque at low revs with more available linearly at high revs, for a benefit in driving comfort and better mid-range response.

The 1.3-litre engine offers lower C02 emissions

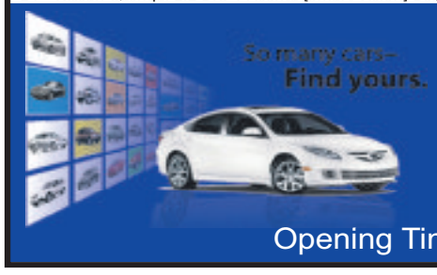
The Energy TCe 140 engine has a CO2 output of 122g/km (125g/km for Grand Scénic) and achieves 52.3mpg (NEDC combined cycle) (51.4mpg for Grand Scénic). The TCe 140 engine receives 240Nm of torque at 1,600 rpm. Meanwhile, the Energy TCe 115 – available in manual transmission only – has 220Nm of torque at 1,500 rpm with CO2 emissions of 122g/km (125g/km for Grand Scénic) and achieves 52.3mpg (NEDC combined) (50.4mpg for Grand Scénic). These figures result in a reduction in CO2 by 7 grams on Scénic and 11 grams on Grand Scénic compared to the previous petrol units.

The Scénic and Grand Scénic are the first Renault models to benefit from this new petrol engine. The Scénic range is also available in three diesel power outputs – dCi 110 (from £22,565 OTR), dCi 130 (from £23,605 OTR) and dCi 160 (from £29,305 OTR). The dCi 110 engine is also available as a Hybrid Assist version with a 10kW electric motor powered by a 48-volt 150Wh battery (from £25,055 OTR).


Oak Garage.co.uk

Sales Line Open Tonight Call Steve 07747 633329

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Low Mileage | | |
| 64 | Citroen DS3 1.6 VTi 16V DStyle Plus 3dr Mauve 7000 Miles | £8,995 |
| 15 | Vauxhall Meriva Diesel 1.7 CDTi 16V SE Auto Red 7000 Miles | £6,995 |
| 64 | Vauxhall Astra Gtc Coupe 1.4T 140 Sport 3dr Auto Red 9000 Miles | £8,495 |
| 66 | Vauxhall Zafira Tourer 1.4T Design Silver Only 10000 Miles | £13,495 |
| 63 | Vauxhall Zafira 1.7 CDTi Design Nav [110] Grey Only 10000 Miles | £8,995 |
| 14 | Ford Fiesta 1.6 Zetec Powershift Red Only 11000 Miles | £8,995 |
| 62 | Skoda Fabia 1.2 TSI Elegance Maroon 11000 Miles | £6,995 |
| 64 | Nissan Micra Hatchback 1.2 Acenta Blue Only 12000 Miles | £6,795 |
| 65 | Citroen C4 Picasso Sp Editions 1.6 BlueHDi Sel White 12000 Miles | £11,995 |
| 64 | Nissan Note 1.2 DiG-S Acenta Premium Auto Red 12000 Miles | £8,495 |
| Citroen | | |
| 09 | Citroen C3 Picasso Diesel 1.6 HDi 16V VTR+ Silver 43k | £4,295 |
| 14 | Citroen C3 Picasso Estate 1.6 VTi 16V Exclusive White 19k | £7,995 |
| 64 | Citroen C4 Picasso Diesel 1.6 HDi VTR+ Blue 19k | £9,495 |
| 06 | Citroen C6 2.7 HDi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto White 79k | £9,995 |
| 58 | Citroen C6 2.7 HDi V6 Lignage 4dr Auto White 64K | £8,995 |
| 64 | Citroen DS3 Diesel 1.6 BlueHDi DSport Plus White 30k | £8,795 |
| 64 | Citroen Grand C4 Picasso 1.6 e-HDi 115 Air Excl Black 22k | £12,495 |
| Ford | | |
| 14 | Ford C-max Diesel 1.6 TDCi Titanium Brown 49k | £7,995 |
| 13 | Ford C-max Diesel Estate 1.6 TDCi Zetec Blue 29k | £7,795 |
| 64 | Ford Fiesta Diesel 1.6 TDCi Titanium ECOnetic White 50k | £6,995 |
| 62 | Ford Fiesta Hatchback 1.25 Zetec 3dr [82] White 50k | £4,995 |
| 14 | Ford Focus 1.6 125 Titanium Navigator Powershift Blue 25k | £8,995 |
| 14 | Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi Zetec Navigator ECOnetic Black 98k | £5,995 |
| 59 | Ford Focus Hatchback 1.6 Titanium Blue 53k | £4,695 |
| 60 | Ford Focus Hatchback 1.6 Zetec Silver 60k | £4,295 |
| 64 | Ford Grand C-max Diesel 1.6 TDCi Zetec Blue 41k | £9,495 |
| 64 | Ford Grand C-max Diesel 1.6 TDCi Zetec Brown 17k | £10,495 |
| 64 | Ford S-max 1.6 TDCi Zetec [Start Stop] Silver 37k | £10,995 |
| 64 | Ford S-max Diesel Estate 2.0 TDCi 163 Titanium Blue 33k | £13,995 |
| 02 | TRANSIT 350 LWB Transporter | £4,995 |
| Nissan | | |
| 61 | Nissan Juke 1.6 Acenta [Premium Pack] Silver 61k | £6,795 |
| 64 | Nissan Juke Diesel Hatchback 1.5 dCi Acenta Silver 14k | £8,995 |
| 12 | Nissan Juke Hatchback 1.6 Acenta Red 27k | £7,495 |
| 15 | Nissan Micra Hatchback 1.2 Visia White 18k | £5,695 |
| 64 | Nissan Note 1.2 DiG-S Acenta Premium Auto Red 20k | £8,495 |
| 64 | Nissan Note Diesel Hatchback 1.5 dCi Tekna Blue 38k | £7,495 |
| 14 | Nissan Note Hatchback 1.2 DiG-S Acenta Premium Auto Blue 29k | £7,795 |
| 64 | Nissan Note Hatchback 1.2 DiG-S Acenta Premium Red 22k | £7,795 |
| 64 | Nissan Note Hatchback 1.2 DiG-S Tekna Auto Grey 13k | £8,995 |
| 11 | Nissan Note Hatchback 1.4 Acenta Silver 87k | £3,495 |
| 64 | Nissan Qashqai 1.2 DiG-T Acenta [Smart Vision Pack] Silver 24k | £11,495 |
| 14 | Nissan Qashqai 1.2 DiG-T Acenta [Smart Vision] Beige 29k | £10,995 |
| Peugeot | | |
| 64 | Peugeot 2008 Diesel Estate 1.4 HDi Active Grey 30k | £7,995 |
| 60 | Peugeot 207 Special Editions 1.4 Envy 3dr Black 62k | £1,995 |
| 61 | Peugeot 3008 Diesel 1.6 e-HDi 112 Sport EGC Grey 51k | £5,995 |
| 64 | Peugeot 3008 Diesel Estate 1.6 HDi Active Grey 29k | £9,495 |
| 14 | Peugeot 3008 Diesel Estate 1.6 HDi Active Silver 13k | £8,995 |
| 64 | Peugeot 308 Diesel Sw Estate 1.6 HDi 92 Active Grey 19k | £8,995 |
| 64 | Peugeot 5008 Diesel Estate 1.6 e-HDi Allure EGC Grey 37k | £10,995 |
| Renault | | |
| 64 | Renault Captur 1.5 dCi 90 Dynam S MediaNav Cream/black 31k | £8,995 |
| 64 | Renault Clio 1.5 dCi 90 Dynamique MediaNav EDC Black 44k | £7,995 |
| 64 | Renault Clio Diesel 1.5 dCi 90 Dynam MediaNav Energy Red 48k | £6,995 |
| 09 | Renault Grand Modus 1.5 dCi 86 Dynamique QS5 Beige Auto 49k | £3,495 |
| 14 | Renault Scenic 1.5 dCi Dynamique TomTom Energy Beige 16k | £8,995 |
| Vauxhall | | |
| 60 | Vauxhall Astra Hatchback 1.6i 16V SE Auto Grey 63k | £5,495 |
| 64 | Vauxhall Astra Sports Tourer 2.0 CDTi 16V Elite Brown 39k | £7,995 |
| 64 | Vauxhall Insignia Sports Tourer 2.0 CDTi Design Blue 29k | £9,995 |
| 61 | Vauxhall Meriva Estate 1.4i 16V Exclusiv Red 17k | £4,995 |
| 61 | Vauxhall Meriva Estate 1.4T 16V [140] SE White 40k | £5,295 |
| 64 | Vauxhall Mokka Diesel 1.7 CDTi SE 5dr Auto Black 30k | £10,995 |
| 64 | Vauxhall Mokka Hatchback 1.4T Tech Line Auto Red 43k | £10,495 |
| Volkswagen | | |
| 64 | Volkswagen Golf Cabriolet 1.6 TDI BlueMotion Tech SE Blue 49k | £10,495 |
| 64 | Volkswagen Golf Diesel Hatch 1.6 TDI 105 Match Blue 36k | £9,995 |
| 64 | Volkswagen Polo Hatchback 1.0 Black 47k | £7,495 |
| Others | | |
| 07 | Audi A4 Cabriolet 1.8T 2dr Grey 72k | £3,995 |
| 14 | Kia Sportage Diesel Estate 1.7 CRDi ISG 1 Black 33k | £10,495 |
| 64 | Kia Sportage Diesel Estate 1.7 CRDi ISG 1 White 25k | £11,495 |
| 64 | Mercedes-benz B Class B180 CDI Sport Black 36k | £11,995 |
| 07 | Mini Convertible 1.6 Cooper 2dr Red 53k | £3,995 |
| 64 | Mitsubishi Asx Estate 1.6 2 Red 18k | £8,995 |
| 14 | Skoda Octavia Diesel 1.6 TDI CR Elegance Brown 42k | £9,995 |
| 14 | Volvo V40 Diesel D2 Cross Country Lux Powershift Bronze 24k | £10,995 |




www.oakgarage.co.uk

Unit 1 , Sterling Park, Brierley Hill DY5 1TB

Tel: 01384 906030

Opening Times: Mon-Thu: 9-6, Fri-Sat: 9-5, Sun: 10-4



Bmw & Mini Specialists Four Ashes

www.bmautomotivesolutions.co.uk

35 YEARS' BMW AND MINI EXPERIENCE

- ✓Service
- ✓Air-con Servicing
- ✓Diagnostics
- ✓Repairs
- ✓M.O.T. arranged
- ✓Electronic Service History Updated

The Good Garage Scheme

autologic

Castrol

Established 2011

OPENING TIMES:
Mon-Thurs 8am - 5.30pm
Fri 8am - 5pm Sat 9am - 12.30pm

BM AUTOMOTIVE SOLUTIONS LTD.

5 minutes from J2 M54
Aspley Close, Four Ashes,
Wolverhampton
WV10 7DE
01902 798359

# Vauxhall's Grandland X is very well put together

Grandland X has a robust stance, with accentuated wheel arches and a wide front grille

By Carmel Stewart

**The Grandland X is an important vehicle for Vauxhall, completing as its does the company's crossover trio of SUVs which began with the mid-sized 4WD Mokka X, followed by the compact 2WD Crossland X.**

You would be forgiven for thinking that the Daddy of the range was a robust 4x4 but, in fact, it comes in 2WD only with an optional electronic grip control which adapts the torque distribution for optimum traction, depending on which of the driving modes has been selected – normal, snow mud or sand.

Similar in styling to the slightly smaller Mokka X, the Grandland X has a robust stance, with accentuated wheel arches and a wide front grille with a sill plate below plus slim LEDs front and rear. A high waist and chrome highlights add an aerodynamic appeal.

Inside where there is space enough for five occupants, the driving position is elevated, the modern, well laid-out dash uncomplicated and the ambient lighting tastefully sufficient.

At the rear there is 514 litres of easy-load boot space which ups to 1,652 litres with the rear seat backs dropped down.

Engine choices are confined to two turbo units – a 1.2litre 130ps three-cylinder turbo petrol and a 1.6litre 120ps four-cylinder turbo diesel. Both can

Getting connected is easy in Grandland X

be combined with either a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission. Selection will come down to personal preference, with the diesel returning an official average of 70.6mpg mpg and the petrol 54.4mpg on 17-inch wheels. More engine options will be added next year.

On the road there are no real highs or lows. The ride is comfortable, the cabin quiet, the engines more than adequate, although the suspension is not as all absorbing as some of its rivals.

The Grandland X, while not exciting to drive, is well put together with a very decent standard spec. It will deliver its occupants to their required destination in unruffled comfort but it is entering into a very tough SUV market place which has doubled in size during the past six or seven years. Its rivals are long-established, so Vauxhall will need to sharpen its automotive elbows if it is to make an impact with this model.

But the newness of the Grandland X can also be considered a plus as many buyers like to drive the latest model and it is following in the tyre treads of the increasingly popular Mokka X.

Its specification list includes all the driving aids of any self-respecting modern vehicle: automatic cruise control with pedestrian detection and automatic emergency braking, driver drowsiness alert, and advanced park assist plus the option of a heated steering wheel, heated front and rear seats and smart tailgate, that opens with a flick of the foot.

All that, oh so vital, fingertip connectivity is also available through Vauxhall On Star, so you not only have automatic crash response alerting the emergency services should the airbags be deployed but can also book an hotel room, find a parking space and charge your smartphone wirelessly as well as access emails, phone messages, Google maps and the like thanks to the Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration.

Prices start at £22,310 with LED daytime running lights, camera-based lane departure warning, road sign recognition, sat nav, eight-inch touch screen and air con all fitted as standard.

DUDLEY MOTOR COMPANY

SALE CONTINUES
EVERY CAR REDUCED
(T's & C's Apply)

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2011/11 AUDI RS5 4.2 FSI QUATRRO S TRONIC 2-dr Coupe, Black, 55,699 miles £24,995

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2016/16 VOLKSWAGEN SCIROCCO 2.0 TSi BLUEMOTION TECH GTS DSG 3-dr Coupe, Grey, 14,500 miles £22,495

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2015/65 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.6T VXR 3-dr, Green, 14,061 miles £12,995

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2008/58 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCi ACENTA 5dr, Sandblast, 84,649 miles £4,995

SPORTY!!
2013/63 VAUXHALL CORSA Sri 1.4, 3-dr, White, 34,000 miles AC....£6,495
SUV's
2014/64 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTi SE 4x4, White, Ex Demonstrator, Leather....£11,495
2014/14 DACIA DUSTER DCI AMBIENCE, Blue, 10,000 miles, A/C Metallic Paint....£7,495
4 X 4
2009/59 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 XE 2WD 5-dr 4x4, Black, 18,445 miles....£7,750
2013/63 SUZUKI SX4 1.6 SZ5 5-dr 4x4 White, 35,000 miles....£6,995
AUTOMATIC
2008/58 JAGUAR XF 2.7D PREMIUM LUXURY 4-dr Auto, Grey,62,000 miles....SOLD
2014/14 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 EXCLUSIVE Estate, Auto, Metallic, Sat Nav, Alloys, 19,000 miles....£8,495
2009/09 SMART FORTWO CABRIO PASSION MHD AUTO 2-dr Cabriolet, 39,784 miles....£3,995
OTHERS
2015/65 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTi SE 5-dr, Orange, 8,659 miles....£12,495
2015/64 VAUXHALLCORSA 1.6T 16V VXR 3-dr, White, 28,000 miles....£9,995
2017/17 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.3 CDTi 16V VAN START/STOP Silver, Only 5 miles....£9,495 + VAT
2011/11 NISSAN JUKE 1.6 VISIA 5-dr, Red, 32,000 miles....£6,995
2013/13 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 LIMITED EDITION 3-dr, White, 56,400 miles....£6,495
2012/62 FORD FIESTA 1.4 TDCi (70) TITANIUM 5-dr, Diesel, Black, 47,000 miles....£6,250
2009/59 VOLVO C30 ES DRIVE START/STOP 2-dr Coupe, Diesel, White, 59,231 miles....£6,995
2012/61 MINI 1.6 COOPER LONDON 3-dr, Black, A/C, Alloys, 42,110 miles....£6,995
2008/58 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCi ACENTA 4-dr, Sandblast, 84,649 miles....£4,995
2004/54 MG MGTF 1.8 120 STEPSPEED AUTO 2-dr Convertible, 39,378 miles....£4,495
2010/60 VAUXHALL AGILA 1.2 16V DESIGN 5-dr, Blue, 60,662 miles....£3,995
2008/08 TOYOTA YARIS 1.3 VVT-i TR 3-dr, Chili Red, 49,990 miles....£3,995

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2015/15 VAUXHALL ADAM 1.4i ROCKS AIR 3-dr, 13,000 miles, Great Spec £9,995

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2008/08 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRTD CDX 5dr 4x4, Black, 50,272 miles £7,750

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2015/15 JEEP RENEGADE 1.4 MULTIAIR LIMITED 5DR DDCT AUTO Sat Nav, Bluetooth, Leather & Much More!! £13,495

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2010/60 JAGUAR XF 3.0D V6 LUXURY AUTO 4-dr, White, 23,485 miles £14,650

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2012/12 BMW X3 XDRIVE 20D SE 5-dr Estate, White, 46,000 miles £15,999

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2011/11 MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS E350 CDi BLUE EFFICIENCY (265) SPORT 4dr Tip Auto, White 43,000 miles £14,995

WILL BE REDUCED !!
2011/11 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDi KX-3 5dr Estate, Orange, 44,800 miles £12,450

DUDLEY MOTOR COMPANY
TRINDLE ROAD, DUDLEY, DY2 7AY (Between Cousins and Dudley Zoo)
01384 454100 www.dudleymotorco.co.uk

# Local Specialists

## Carpets

Family Run — Est since 1978

**Able & Bromley Carpets / Beds**

**JANUARY SALE NOW ON! SOFAS - VINYLS - LAMINATES - STAIRLIFTS**

**WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T.**
Help move heavy furniture, up lift plus take away old carpets free of charge. Shave doors

Free delivery, disposal and set up on beds & suites

*Choose at Home Service*
*Free Quotations and Measuring.*
We'll bring 100's of carpet samples bed and sofa brochures to your door

Double Divan Bed
Free Headboard
2 Free Drawers
Was £699 **Now £399**

3 Seater Sofa only **£399**

Divan Beds and Mattresses from only **£72**

Carpets *from* **£3.50** sq yd

**UP TO 50% OFF** *PLUS FREE FITTING (on selected carpets T & C's Apply)*

*Check out our video and 5 star reviews on* www.ablecarpets.co.uk

FREE Quotes & Planning

Warehouse Unit, D Dormston Trading Est., Burton Road, Gornal DY1 3TD

TIPTON · WEDNESBURY · WALSALL · WOLVERHAMPTON · WEST BROMWICH · OLDBURY · GREAT BARR · SMETHWICK · GORNAL · DUDLEY · SEDGLEY · WOMBOURNE · HIMLEY · GORNAL · KINGSWINFORD · COSELEY

OPEN: MON-SAT 9.30-5.00 | SUN 10-3PM

FREEPHONE 0800 0853747
01902 880541

WE COVERS ALL AREAS

Adrian Bromley
0121 588 7116

Find us on Google Maps

## Gardening

**Garden Rite Garden Services** Est 2003

- Complete Landscape Service
- Low Maintenance Gardens
- Patios
- Block Paving & Gravel Drives
- Fencing
- Sheds
- All Work Guaranteed
- FREE Estimates
- Suppliers and installers of Artificial Grass

City & Guilds

Call: 01922 496861/07817 398107
www.garden-rite.co.uk

## Property Maintenance

**PREMIER HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

Roofing and Home Maintenance

* Gutter repairs
* All roofing types catered for including mortar work
* Fitting of UPVC products including guttering, fascias, soffits etc.
* Also gutter and pressure cleaning service

Mark: 01902 798124
07721 924275

## Tree Services

**SEDGLEY TREE CARE**

*Professional Tree Surgeon*
*All aspects of tree work undertaken*

- CONTRACT TREE CLIMBER
- TREE REMOVAL
- CROWN REDUCTION
- STUMP GRINDING
- HEDGE TRIMMING
- GARDEN CLEARANCES

*ALL WASTE REMOVED*
*NPTC QUALIFIED*
07746813358 or 01902 659692
FOR A FREE QUOTE

## Plumbing & Heating

**HEATING & PLUMBING**
Natural Gas, Oil
Boilers, Fires & Cookers
Service, Repairs, Install, Radiator Power Flushing
*Fully Insured*
NO JOBS TOO SMALL
Simon Ratcliff
01902 372193
07794 637159
Professional & Reliable

## Tree Services

**WOLVERHAMPTON TREE SERVICE**

Trees felled, hedges trimmed, stumps removed, tree reports. Fully insured.

Arboricultural Association & Council Approved.

01902 892652
www.wolvestrees.co.uk
E: treebloke@aol.com

## Wrought Iron

**HOLT ORNAMENTAL IRONWORK**

*Gates, Railings, Stairways. Garden Balconies,*
07966 526528
*www.holtornamentalironwork.co.uk*

## Blinds & Curtains

**AB-Blinds & Carpets**

Vertical / Venetian
Roman / Roller / Shutters
Wooden / Pleated

4 Vertical Blinds Fitted From ONLY **£189**

Any Genuine Quote Beaten
Free Phone 0800 0347111
Mobile 07517 875138

32A Cannock Shopping Centre. www.ab-blinds.co.uk

## Garage Doors

GARADOR - CARDALE - SELECT - WESSEX - HENDERSON - HORMANN
SECTIONALS - UP & OVERS - SIDE-HINGED - ROLLERS - MOTORISED

**RELIADOR GARAGE DOORS**
SALES - INSTALLATION - REPAIRS

SAME DAY SERVICE
01384 386909
07858 299305
NO FIX NO FEE!

www.reliador.co.uk - reliadorgd@gmail.com

CALL US NOW FOR A FREE QUOTE

## Plumbing

**NEED A PLUMBER OR JOBS DOING AROUND THE HOUSE?**

Give Ian a call
I fit Bathrooms, Outside Taps, Flat Pack, etc

*Outside Taps Supplied & Fitted ONLY £55!*

FREE QUOTES
07813 506025 • (01902) 258757

## Gardening

**A H L Tree Services**

All aspects of Tree Work carried out
All Areas Covered

- Trees Felled
- Reduced and Pruned
- Conifers and Hedges Trimmed
- Stump Grinding
- Local Authority Approved

*NPTC Certified - Fully Insured*

Tel: 01902 766 304 Mob: 07545 330 633
24 Southfield Grove, Wolverhampton WV3 8DP

## Builders

STOP LOOK STOP LOOK STOP LOOK

**ARENA** BUILDING SERVICES

*Do you need one or more of the following:*
Porch, Canopy, Brickwork, Carpentry, Plastering, Conservatory, Flat Roof Tiled, Windows, Doors, Any Conversions, Decking, Patios etc

If so call Bill or John - tradesmen not salesmen - for your FREE quote or survey. All work guaranteed.

TEL: 01902 723252 MOBILE: 07765 111918
billy582@hotmail.co.uk

STOP LOOK STOP LOOK STOP LOOK

## Paving

**Specialists in Block Paving and Cobble Effect Driveways**

CALL FOR SPECIAL OFFERS

Call for a FREE No Obligation Quote
01543 500722 / 07971 456986

PN BLOCK PAVING & LANDSCAPING LTD

## Electricians

**MB electric**

All domestic and commercial electrical works undertaken
Home rewiring from £800

*For a high quality local service call :*
01922 509984
07939 503905
*mbelectric.co.uk*

# Local Specialists

You should be able to trust the ads you see.

If an ad is wrong, the ASA is here to put it right.

ASA.org.uk
Advertising Standards Authority

**To advertise your business and reach more than 73,000 potential customers...**

1. Call us on... 01902 319017
2. E-mail us at... rachael.rogers@expressandstar.co.uk
3. Post to... Rachael Rogers, Advertisement Dept. Express & Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1ES

# Classified Ads

**Buy** Local, **Sell** Local

## Funeral Directors

THE ONLY FAMILY OWNED FUNERAL DIRECTORS ON THE PENN ROAD

**Edward John Funerals**

*We are now one of the last remaining independently owned funeral directors in Wolverhampton, and the only on the Penn Road.*

*As an independent family run business, we can tend to your loved ones funeral with a special level of care, compassion and understanding; the kind that only a family can provide.*

*Edward John Funerals is owned an operate by the Hickton family, who have been serving the wider West Midlands community since 1909, currently in its 3rd and 4th generation of same family ownership.*

- 24 Hour Service
- Private Chapel of Rest
- Memorial Stone Masonry
- Golden Charter Pre Paid Funeral Plans
- Direct, Simple and Traditional Funerals from £1295.00

**TALK TO US ANYTIME 01902 33 88 88**
**262 PENN ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON WV4 4AD**
**www.EdwardJohnFunerals.co.uk**

**M Jackson & Son**
Independant Family
Funeral Directors of Wolverhampton
For 24hr Care & Assistance
**01902 75 11 11**
A Caring 24hr service from my family to yours"
www.jacksonfunerals.co.uk info@jacksonfunerals.co.uk

**Wombourne Funeral Services & Monumental Masons**
For your nearest branch call 01902 892635
wombournefuneralservices.co.uk

**HOPCRAFTS LOW COST FAMILY FUNERAL & MEMORIALS**
*Inscriptions, Plaques*
*Buy direct from our Factory Shop.*
Funerals: Adam **01902 420452**
Headstones: Norah **01902 714530**
or Dudley, Laura **01384 263452**
**www.hopcraft-funerals.co.uk**
*'Proudly independent'*

## Turn To Us For Help And Support

In your time of need we'll take care of all the funeral arrangements.
Call us 24 hours a day.
• Funeral Pre-Payment Plans • Memorials

**Jennings Funeral Directors**
**01902 352251**
**www.jenningsfunerals.co.uk**
Dignity — Caring Funeral Services
Part of Dignity plc. A British Company.

## Monumental Masons

**S. A. Lockett & Son Ltd**
Monumental Mason
All Churchyards and Cemeteries covered.
337 Tettenhall Rd, Wolverhampton, WV6 0JZ.
**01902 751825**
info@salockettandson.co.uk
www.salockettandson.co.uk

## Lost & Found

**LOST**—Tabby and white male cat missing since Sunday Evening, Compton area. 01902 312227.

## 1 Family

## Elderly & Disabled

**ACORN STAIRLIFT**, left hand side, excellent working order. £475. 01384 457219/07923 191378.

**Capitol Mobility Showroom located in Bath St, Bilston next to Morrisons with FREE parking**
**MOTABILITY DEALER**
OVER 25 YEARS OF RELIABLE SALES AND SERVICES OF NEW AND USED MOBILITY EQUIPMENT, STAIRLIFTS AND ADAPTIONS, FREE HOME DEMONSTRATIONS.
**01902 409929**
www.capitolmobility.co.uk

**WREKIN STAIRLIFTS** reconditioned lifts from £799. New available. 01952 405397/07897 273617

## 2 Leisure Time

## Caravans/ Motorhomes

**CARAVANS FOR SALE** with seaviews. Clarach Bay near Aberystwyth from £9,995 includes 2018 site fees. Call Phil on: 01970 820579. sales@clarachbay.com

## Bikes

**JACKSON-HATELEY CYCLES**
www.jacksonhateleycycles.co.uk
**MASSIVE JANUARY SALE STARTS TODAY**
Some models to clear at cost price
Get your fantastic bargain now.
All cycles built and guaranteed with a 24 hour repair service
All spares and accessories at discount price
**HATELEY'S**
*Simply the best*
Ring Dave on
**01902 782344**
458 Stafford Road, Oxley, Wolverhampton

## Music Shop

**NICOLA ALDRIDGE BA Hons / PGCE**
**PIANO LESSONS**
**BOOK 5 LESSONS & GET 1 LESSON FREE!**
All age groups welcome. Friendly, professional teacher
07877 665502 or 01902 679559
www.thepianoandkeyboardteacher.co.uk

## holidays

## Caravan Holidays

**DOLPHIN CARAVAN PARK.** Brean Somerset. Call 01278 751258 www.dolphincaravanpark.co.uk

## Devon

**PAIGNTON**
**The Kingswinford**
**December - January Offers:**
**2 nights, 2 people B&B**
**ONLY £99**
**Room only available**
FAMILY ROOMS AVAILABLE
CHILD DISCOUNTS
All rooms en suite
100 yards to beach and pier
Contractors Welcome
**01803 558358**
www.kingswinfordhotel.com

## Self Catering Holidays

**SELF-CATERING LODGE** holidays on Award Winning Rural Holiday Park near Staffordshire /Shropshire Border. Please visit www.oaklandholidaypark.co.uk or call us on 01902 851302.

## Travel Abroad

**READERS ARE REMINDED** to check with any Advertisers that their holiday costs are fully covered by a recognised bonding or insurance scheme.

## mind, body & soul

## Clairvoyance

**CLAIRVOYANT JOHN STARKEY** Appointments, Home visits & Telephone readings 01902 334 224

## Massage

**THE TANNING ROOMS**
Full body massage 30 mins £22,
40 mins £27, 1 hour £37
SHOWER FACILITIES
**Call: 01902 782960**

## 3 Home & Services

## Furniture

**PINE 4FT 6IN** slated, bed, clean mattress, £40. 4 1970's metal kitchen chairs, suitable for upcycling £25. Buyer to collect. 01902 741256.

## Household Appliances

**DIPLOMAT STAINLESS** steel range double oven five burners, excellent condition. £250. 07891 760689.

**JANUARY CLEARANCE**
*AUTOS FROM £89, COOKERS, FRIDGE FREEZERS, ALL DOMESTIC APPLIANCES AT SALE PRICE!*
*— Past & Present —*
24 - 26 church street, Bilston (opposite town hall).

## In Your Garden

**AT SHEDRITE** Free Installation on all product orders till end Jan. Willenhall Rd WV1 2HQ 01902 450137

**CHESTNUT SHEDS AND FENCING LTD**
Manufacturers and Suppliers of Heavy Duty Fully Tanalised Sheds, Summerhouses & All Garden Buildings.
Super Quality/Competitive Prices
Bespoke Buildings Fitting Available
**Unit 17, Oak Street, Quarry Bank DY5 2JH**
**01384 913422/01384 569779**
www.chestnutshedsandfencing.co.uk

**6x5 Lap Panels**
**£15 each** (inc vat)
WS3 2BQ
Bloxwich Fencing Ltd
or 01922 712184

## Items For Sale

**EAST & WEST AID**
*Sales, Wholesale and Retail*
*All Beds on Special Offer*
** OPEN EVERY DAY INCLUDING SUNDAYS **
*Fridge Freezers from £89*
*Washing Machines from £79*
*Electric Cookers from £69*
*Gas cookers from £89 Tumble Dryers from £49 Three Piece Suites*
Unit 2, Moor Street South, Blakenhall W'ton WV2 3JN
01902 420030 / 07966 673960 www.eastandwestaid.com
*WE ALSO REPAIR ALL APPLIANCES*

**ADVERTISERS ARE REMINDED**
That the Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order of 1977 requires that advertisements must clearly differentiate between Private and Trade.

**HAVE YOU CHECKED** your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

**✔ CASH PAID ✔**
**£300+ PER OUNCE**
**FOR 9 CARAT GOLD.**
**ANY AMOUNT COLLECTED!**
*HOUSE CLEARANCES!*
*gold coins, pre - 47 silver coins, watches, costume jewellery, porcelain, any oriental items, old brass items, any silver items, War medals military etc.*
**Lady Buyer**
Call: 01922 495066 or 07971 783206

## Items Wanted

**WANTED VINTAGE / COLLECTABLE TOYS**
Star Wars / TV / Film Related/ Horror/ Memorabilia
Email or call
rewindcollectables@gmail.com
**07969 050421.**

**CASH PAID NOW!**
**WANTED TOOLS**
Hand Tools, Anything considered
01543 452 491
07539 340307

**A BEST CASH PRICE PAID**
*for antiques, vintage furniture, leather-winged arm chairs & chesterfield setees.*
01902 454144 or 0121 5263375

**READERS ARE ADVISED** to carefully consider all of their options before agreeing to the sale of any of their items.

## Loans

**READERS ARE REMINDED** that they may require professional advice before entering into obligations.

**specialists at your service**

## Aerials

**AA DIGITAL AERIALS** Checkatrade.com
**AERIALS FITTED FROM £79.99**
01902 858191 • 01384 429166
01543 439095 • 01922 716029

**A AERIAL AND SKY SPECIALIST** Digital aerials, CCTV cameras, TV wall mount fitted. 07850 330251.

**CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOU!**

"I am very pleased with the response I get from my Classified Advertising Contract"
*Steve - AA Digital Aerials*
For great business results call
**01902 319 191**
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

**CLEAR VISION AERIALS** Freeview, FreeSat, Sky, CCTV. Aerials from £79. Dishes from £79. OAP DISCOUNT. Tel: 01902 752036.

**BRIERLEY HILL SHEDS**
*Manufacturers and Suppliers of Heavy duty sheds/summerhouses*
6x4 sheds prices from **£255** | 8x6 summerhouses from **£495**
1" flooring,13mm t/g, no osb boards used All sizes available
Come and view before you buy
**One tonne sack soft wood logs £50**
**Unit 8 Dawley Brook Road**
**Kingswinford DY6 7BD**
**01384 400089**

*HAVE A*
**NEW YEAR CLEAR OUT**
*Sell your unwanted items for*
*ONLY* **£9.99****
**FOR 6 NIGHTS IN PRINT AND ONLINE IN YOUR LOCAL EXPRESS & STAR.**

✔ No hidden costs
✔ Buyer collects
✔ No postage or returns
✔ Local sellers to local people
✔ It's that simple!!

**Call us on 01902 317878**
or book online at bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk
** Private advertisers only
No pets, livestock, property or personals
ClassifiedAds

**ALAN JONES**
*THE ORIGINAL AERIAL SPECIALIST, THE BEST!*
*Est 1955 - 59 years at the top!*
**Recommended by thousands**
**Genuine, honest, 100% reliable**
WE HAVE WATCHED THEM ALL COME AND GO
**Call: 01902 885985**
*ANY PROBLEM SOLVED*

## Alarms/Security

**PREMIER ALARMS**
Supplied and Fitted £249
Servicing and Repairs
12 Months Warranty
All areas covered
All quotes beaten!
**Call: 0121 601 9791**

## Appliance Repairs

**A SAME DAY REPAIR** - Cookers Autos Fridges Vacs and Micros. Call 07900 578897 / 07801 746853.

## Bathrooms

**BATHROOM DESIGN** All bathrooms fitted, tiling, flooring, complete bathrooms: 07850 382548.

## Building Services

**APPROVED CONTRACTOR**
**All damp problems, roofing, all building & all plastering work.**
**Free quotes 07538 118034 or 01902 752161.**

**P.FENLON BUILDERS** All aspects of building. Block paving, plastering, brickwork etc. 01902 445315 / 07790 286187.

## Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

**A BRILLCLEAN FOR YOUR CARPETS & SUITES**
Special offers Jan / Feb
OAP discounts.
**Call Steve on 07496 922324**

## Carpet Fitters

**A CARPETS & VINYLS** supplied or just fitted, quality samples brought to your home, no job too small, free quotes call Mark 01543 820598 / 07941 619694.

## Domestic Cleaning

**CLEAN (midlands ltd) FOR YOU**
**Domestic Cleaning & Ironing Service.**
**Friendly, Reliable & Trustworthy.**
**Call Anita on: 07854 163 804.**

## Double Glazing Repairs

**S.P.S** replace misted glass, locks, hinges, windows, doors, guaranteed. OAP discount. 07983 704889

## Drain Clearance

**ALL DRAIN AND SEWER** Blockages cleared fast. Call Fast Clean: 01902 736424.

## Electrical Services

**A BARGAIN REWIRE,** fuseboards, cctv, alarms, showers, NICEIC. 01902 842739 / 07783 471949.

**ALL ELECTRICAL** work from a switch to a rewire. Insured, free quote 01902 575570 / 07958 627434.

**ALL HOME ELECTRICS** NAPIT registered. Fully insured. For a free quote call 07583 320318.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS
**Express & Star BUSINESS AWARDS 2018**
**Could you be Tradesperson of the Year?**
To find out how, go to:
**businessawards.expressandstar.com**

**A TRADITION OF TRUST**

"After advertising with the Express & Star for many years we are very pleased with our Classified Campaign."
*Frank - Hopcrafts*
For great business results call
**01902 319 191**
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

**A TRADITION OF TRUST**

"We are very pleased with the service offered by the Express & Star. Our business and advertising needs are always well met."
*Wombourne Funeral Services.*
For great business results call
**01902 319 191**
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

# Buy and sell with ClassifiedAds

1. Visit our ClassifiedAds website
classifiedads.expressandstar.co.uk

2. Call our Classified sales team on **01902 317 878**

3. Self Serve - Create your own advert in print and online - visit:
**bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk**

**ClassifiedAds**
BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

Brought to you by **Express & Star**

# ClassifiedAds

01902 317878 | bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk

## Electrical Services

**MB ELECTRIC.CO.UK** Home wiring specialist. NICEIC. High quality local service. Freephone; 0800 211 8398 / 07939 503905

**STEVE JONES ELECTRICAL** Rewires/sockets/fuse boards etc. All domestic and commercial work. 07786 858977/01902 846167.

## Fencing

**CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOU!**

"I am extremely happy with the service I get from my Express & Star Classified Sales Representatives and would recommend them to anyone! They have done a very professional job with my website so I get online enquiries as well now."
*Michael- Portway Fencing*

For great business results call
**01902 319 191**
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

**BUSHBURY FENCING AND GATES**
*SUPPLY AND FITTING SPECIALISTS*
**FREE QUOTES**
**01902 827000**

## Gardening Services

**GARDEN KINGS** All Garden work and maintenance, Fencing, Tree cutting, Turfing and much more. Call: Steve for free quote. 07774449900 / 01902 238653.

**OAKTREE TREE SERVICES**
Covers all aspects of tree surgery, grass cutting and hedges. Garden clearances, turfing and fencing
**07427 060382**

## Gas Fitting

**A BOILER BREAKDOWN, COOKER, FIRE,**
**FITTED-SERVICED-REPAIRED**
Landlord certs.
All areas covered.
J&E Heating.
Call John:
**01902 562664 /07969 687832**

**GAS SERVICES**
- Boilers • Cookers
- Fires • Gas Checks
- Landlord Certificates
- Gas Leaks Traced

Fitted, Serviced and Repaired
Same Day Service
Free Quotes
*DISCOUNTS FOR OAPs*
**Call: 01902 366855/ 07761 973975**

**READERS ARE ADVISED**
**To check that anyone carrying out any Gas work is Gas Safe Registered.**
It is an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to carry out gas work in the UK without being on the Gas Safe Register.

## Gates

**ALL METAL GATES,RAILINGS**, etc. Free quotes, also repairs & fitting. 07903 500642 24 hours.

**DARLASTON FABS** 30 years exp in supplying/ fitting gates and railings. Free quotes: 07497 667752.

## Guttering

**Arrow Guttering**
Fascias, Soffits, Cleaning, Repairs, Replacements.
All types of roofing. Free Quotes.
**01902 820996**

**GUTTERING**
A*1 GUTTERING
cleaned, repaired, replaced, facias/ soffits, UPVC washdowns, all roofing/ repointing work. Free quotes, 8am-8pm
01902 722447

## Handyman Services

**HANDY MAN** - Most trades, plumbing, heating, gardening & decorating. Gutter clean no ladders, free quotes call 07497 826697.

## House Clearances

**A ABSOLUTE BEST** cash price paid for house clearances and bereavements. Also removals undertaken. **07852 172641 / 07710 360327**

**HARVEYS HOUSE CLEARANCES** Quick, discreet and professional. 07939 421862 / 01902 410433

**ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING CLEARED**
FULL OR PART, GARAGES AND SHEDS RUBBISH REMOVED WASTE LICENCE
**01384 486456 / 07711661135**

## Logs

**LUG A LOG** quality logs supplied to your door. 07972 739653 / 01384 383150.

## Oven Cleaning

**AAA OVEN CLEANING**, Ovens, Hobs, Aga / Range / Micro / Extractors. 01902 689418 / 07910 921736

## Painters/ Decorators

**C I PAINTING & DECORATING** Over 30 yrs experience.City & Guilds approved. Free Quotes. 07913 732756 or 01902 650716.

**DECORACE** Painter & Decorator. Quality work at reasonable prices. OAP discounts. Free quotes: 01902 635258 07876 135302.

**CALL M & B DECORATORS**
City & Guilds
No job too small
Free Quote
**01902 494555**

**ADMJ**
Decorating & Maintenance
City and Guilds. No Job Too Small.
OAP Discounts
FREE QUOTES
07855 957935 01902 630028

**LADY DECORATOR** Full house or one wall to customer requirements. Free quotes call: 07522 643706.

**LADY PAINTER & DECORATOR** City and guild qualified. local, reliable, affordable. 07916 399490.

## Plans Prepared

**ADAM DESIGN**, Building Plans. Drawn and submitted to council. Tel: 01902 620200 / 07841 654037. Email: adamdesign@sky.com

**BUILDING** Plans: Prepared/submitted. K J Bradley 01902 373248 07792 165767. www.plans4u.co.uk

## Plastering

**M&S PLASTERING & BUILDING SERVICES**
*Home/Garden Improvements.*
Over 30 Years Experience
**Mark or Sara: 07741 770897**

## Plumbers

**G M PLUMBING SERVICES** Complete Bathrooms, Kitchens, Taps Showers,Blockages 07976 012468

## Plumbing & Heating

**A.A HEATING & PLUMBING** All gas work. Install/ Service/ Repair. Free quotes call: 07540 950588.

**A RELIABLE PLUMBER** No job too small. No call out fee. Call Lee: 07713 149278 / 01902 330351.

**Keiron Jones Plumbing & Heating**
*Full heating systems £2200*
*Boiler Changes £1100*
Longer warranty available upon request, fires and surrounds also available.
**For Free Quotes Call:**
**01902 403823 07811 855231**

## Roofing

**A1 ROOFING AND GUTTERING**
•Tile, Slate, Flat, Felt, Firestone Rubber
•All Repointing & Chimney Repairs
•UPVC Fascias, Soffits & Guttering
•Gutter Cleans and Repairs
•Extensions and Alterations
•UPVC Windows & Doors •Carpentry
•Porches & Canopies •Plumbing & Electrics •Kitchens & Bathrooms
Refurbishments •UPVC Washdowns
***We are a Family run business***
***Professional and Reliable Service***
***All Genuine Quotes Beaten***
***OAP Discounts***
**For a FREE Friendly Quote 8am - 8pm Call:**
Firestone RubberCover
**01902 722447**

**25% OFF**
**Arrow Property Maintenance**
**Roofing and Guttering**
Pitched Roofing and Lead Work
Flat Roofing - Rubber - Felt
All Re-Pointing,
UPVC Fascias, Soffits & Guttering
Gutter cleans / Repairs/ UPVC Washdowns
Small Building Alterations
Bathroom & Kitchen Refurbishments
A Family run business that you can trust
**For a FREE QUOTE call 01902 820996**

**WH ROOFING CONTRACTORS**
A backed bargain, slate, tile, flat, lead work, fascias and gutterwork, Free Quotes
Call: 01902 561434 or 07792 817062
E:whroofingcontractor@mail.com

**COMPTON ROOFING**
Tiled, Slate, Flat. New and Repairs Ridge/Hip and Verges Re-bedded. Chimney rebuilding/repointing. Dry ridge and hip systems
07976 419915, 01902 448032

**25% OFF SF ROOFING & GUTTERING**
25 YEARS EXPERIENCE!
Flat, Main roofs, rubber or felt, repaired and replaced, all repointing. Guttering repaired and replaced.
BEAT ALL QUOTES GUARANTEED
Call Sean 01902 829158 8am to 8pm

## Removals

**A BIG VAN & TWO MEN** Single items to full house moves. All areas. Free quotes: Call 07583 874532.

**A DJ REMOVALS**/ house clearance/single item. Budget rates/reliable. 01902 652346 /07912 980177

**CALL DEAN NOW:** For all your Removal needs. 07429 453209/ 01902 830870 / 01384 940260.

**CALL IAN.** Man with a large van. No job too small, no distance too far. 07973 628534, 01902 891535.

**KT HOUSE REMOVALS**
*12 years experience.*
*SINGLE ITEMS TO FULL LOADS.*
*LOCAL OR DISTANCE. FULLY INSURED.*
Free Quotes - Call Ric on:
**07771 727119**

**A CHEAPER REMOVAL**
SINGLE ITEMS TO FULL REMOVALS.
FULLY INSURED. 7 days.
**01902 89 49 16**
**07807 77 30 35**
FREE QUOTES
Student/OAP Discounts

## Rubbish Removal

**LETS TALK RUBBISH** No Skips Needed.Load/Remove any Waste, House Clearance. 07969 628382

## Skip Hire

**AN ABSOLUTE AFFORDABLE CASTLE SKIP HIRE**
Mini, midi and large skips
GRAB HIRE AND MINI DIGGER AVAILABLE
01384 237577
01902 405745
07719 671845

**QUICKA SKIPS**
Mini, Midi, 6 Yard with doors and Builders.
7 days - Prompt Service
01902 404800 / 07983 580884
www.quickaskips.co.uk

**Waste management**
SB
Recycling services
01902 459667
0121 558 2120
01543 500 599

**AT M&M SKIPS**
Fast, friendly service
All areas covered
All sizes
Same day service
Freephone
0800 619 0189 / 07904 915016

## Skip Hire

**CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOU!**

"We are very happy with our Classified Contract within the Express & Star and the enquiries our adverts bring in."
*Pally - Quika Skips*

For great business results call
**01902 319 191**
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

**WOLVERHAMPTON SKIP HIRE**
MINI, MIDI & BUILDERS SKIPS WITH DOORS
*Established 26 years*
Call:
**01902 722876**

## Tiling

**BOBS HOME INTERIORS**
Wall and floor Tiling
Bathrooms Fitted
FREE ESTIMATES
bob2granger@gmail.com
**07480 141537**
www.bobshomeinteriors.co.uk

## Upholstery

**CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOU!**

"I am very happy with my Express & Star and Chronicles Advertising Campaign, also by using the local directory on expressandstar.com we are seeing benefits from visitors to our website."
*Gary Downes - Bilston Upholstery*

For great business results call
**01902 319 191**
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

**t.v. / home entertainment**

## Service

**AERIAL AND TV SPECIALIST** Any TV Repairs. Digital aerials, sky, CCTV cameras. TV wall mounts and TV set ups. 07850 330251.

## 4 Pets & Animals

### Equestrian Corner

**ALL READERS** are advised to check if Horses, Donkeys or Ponies have the required Passport information.

### Guns & Dogs

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS**
Advertisers must ensure that they meet all necessary legal requirements for owning and using guns.

### Pets Corner

**NOTICE TO READERS**
Please be aware that when purchasing a puppy there are some simple guidelines you can follow to ensure that you are not purchasing from a Puppy Farmer:
1. Try to ensure you visit the puppy whilst it is still with it's Mother.
2. Do not arrange to collect a puppy from any other location than that of the breeder.
3. Ensure that you are given any KC documentation, if pedigree. Whilst Midland News Association publications take great care to avoid publication of advertisements from Puppy Farmers we cannot accept any liability should readers purchase from this kind of establishment.

**COCKAPOO PUPPIES** Mom show cocker, Dad toy poodle, both parents health tested, fully health checked puppies, microchipped. from £895 07469 713022.

**GREYHOUNDS MAKE WONDERFUL PETS**
All neutered, innoculated and microchipped.
Call 01902 291080 or visit
www.gtwolverhampton.co.uk
Greyhound Trust Wolverhampton
@gtwolverhampton

**HAVE YOU LOST YOUR DOG?**
Sunnyside Kennels
We take in stray dogs from Walsall, Wolverhampton and South Staffs areas.
Please contact us on:
**01902 790618.**
Open Mon-Sat, 11am-4.45pm.

## 5 Business & Farming

### Business Opportunities

**READERS** are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering into any obligations.

**business directory**

### Accountants

**ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES** for Small Business. Competitive Rates. Call 01902 882600

## 6 Property

### Overseas Property

**NOTICE TO READERS**
Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments.

# ClassifiedAds

## Properties Wanted

**Yes! HOMEBUYERS**
THE EASY WAY TO SELL YOUR HOUSE

**We Buy Houses For Cash**

Free Valuation? Yes! No Fees? Yes! Any Location? Yes!
Fast Sale? Yes! Any House? Yes! Any Condition? Yes!

Get your FREE, instant cash offer today!

The Property Ombudsman
Call 01902 213 402
or text "Cash" to 66777 yeshomebuyers.com

**We buy houses**
*Sell your house fast*
- avoid repossession
- behind on payments
- job relocation
- unwanted inheritance

*What more - we buy in any condition*
No estate agent fees
We pay all your legal fees
ACT NOW !
Contact us on :
07796 801219 / 07988 882090

## Accommodation To Let

**NOTICE TO READERS**
Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments/contracts.

**NOTICE TO READERS**
It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency to charge a fee simply for the registration of your requirements and/or supplying particulars of premises to let.

**FLATS & FLATLETS - TO LET** in Wolverhampton. New large 2 bedroom flats now available. Call 07590 911398 or 07428 226610

**J9 Accommodation**
NO DEPOSIT
★MOVE IN TODAY★
Studios
*from* £90pw*
Rooms
*from* £65pw*
*Includes Most Bills
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LIVE LIST
Midland Landlord Accreditation Scheme
01902 213121
J9accommodation.com

# 7 Jobs

## Courses

**DRIVER C.P.C TRAINING** either Telford or our Wednesbury office £39.99 +upload fee. Please contact Ian Jones 07950159094

## Full Time General

**TAXI OFFICE OPERATOR** Dudley area. Knowledge of local area and own transport would be an advantage. Experience preferred but not essential. Main hours, Fri/Sat 17.00 - 01.00. Email: ali.waterfrontcars@live.co.uk

# 8 Motoring

## Cars Over £1500

**HAVE YOU CHECKED** your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

EXCELLENT CONDITION
**JAGUAR X-TYPE**
07, diesel, just serviced, MoT, grey, would considered small PX
£1,595
07867 685569.

## Classic Cars

**WANTED, CLASSIC** Car. Private cash buyer. Any condition, anything considered.
01630 652993 or 07773 462797.

## Driving Tuition

**AMAZING OFFER** 5 lessons £40, 10 lessons £80. £20 an hour there after. Call now 07958 051263.

## Motorbikes

ALLBIKES & ALLSPARES
WANTED MOTOR CYCLES
WE BUY ALLBIKES EVERY DAY
Wanted Low Mileage, late clean Bikes
• Immediate Collection & Payment
• Top Dealer Prices Paid!
DONT DELAY, CALL TODAY
01902 312939 - Days
07748 150779 - Eves
bikesallspares@gmail.com
All Bikes, Clifton Street, WV3 0QT

**NFL MOTORCYCLE TRAINING CBT** to full licence. Call 8am - 9pm for deals 01902 494422.

## Vehicle Hire

**W.T.R. VAN HIRE** Connects, Transits, Lutons with Tail lifts, pick-ups Open seven days. 01902 457002 / 01384 79090.

## Vehicles Wanted

**CROWN MOTORS** guarantee best price for your unwanted cars/vans. 07903 549849, buyer will call.

## Scrap Vehicles

**OUR ADVERTISERS** are reminded that it is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to buy scrap cars/metal for cash.

**MCB**
TOP PRICES PAID FOR ALL SCRAP CARS, VANS, BIKES, CLASSICS
Tel: 01902 408176
*1000's of parts available at all times*
MONMORE RD. WV1 2TZ

## spares & accessories

## Mobile Mechanics

**MOBILE MECHANICS** Service & repairs. Headgasket, clutches and cambelts. 07747 848469.

## Spares/Parts

**WINTER SALE Thule Roof Bars** and Spares. Wolves Hire 01902 746723 WV6 0LE

# 9 Local Information

## Public Notices

**GORDON KENNETH ROE**
**(Deceased)**
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 33 Leybourne Crescent Wolverhampton WV9 5QL, who died on 05/10/2017, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 09/03/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
**TALBOTS LAW LIMITED**
9 Waterloo Road Wolverhampton WV1 4NB
*TS19267*

## LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICES

For convenience youmay fax any advertising requirements to
**Marie Hogg on 01902 713146 or email marie.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk**
*(remember to include a name/contact number for confirmation of receipt)*

# 10 Personals

## General

**ARE YOU A LIVING WILL PHILANTHROPIST**
benefactor, alone, no Family or heir.
**Call 07944 818083 or theconstantsinger@hotmail.com**

## Personal

**BLACK COUNTRY GIRL**
Young at heart 69 year old, down to earth, looking for company, possible relationship.
Dudley, Stourbridge and surrounding areas
**Box Number P21031 , Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.**

**THE GREENHOUSE SPA**
For gay/ bisexual men.
Jaccuzi and restrooms on site.
TV's & ladyboys welcome
Friday evenings.
Open 7 days pw.
2 mins J9 /J10 M6.
0121 5686126
www.gay-sauna.com

**BUY LOCAL SELL LOCAL**
01902 317878
ClassifiedAds

**CNC Programmer/Setter/Operator**

Skilled CNC programmer required to join an established manufacturing company in Willenhall.

Producing high quality low volume components using Fanuc controlled CNC lathes and milling machines this is an exciting position for a person who wishes to develop their career.

Working hours for this permanent position are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm. Hourly rate of £12.00 with career progression available.

**Email/Send C.V and covering letter to smartsearch@mna-recruitment.co.uk**

You should be able to trust the ads you see.

If an ad is wrong, the ASA is here to put it right.

ASA.org.uk

Advertising Standards Authority

Connor Goldson playing against his hometown club, going up against Wolves Benik Afobe

Goldson wheels away after finding the net for first club Shrewsbury Town

Goldson in action for Brighton & Hove Albion

The defender was a League Two winner at Shrewsbury

# Pure Gold, son! Old pal praise on Premier bow

**SPORTING FEATURE**

By David Banner

***"He's a very popular player. We all know what he went through," – Albion boss Chris Hughton***

**FORMER Shrewsbury Town team-mate Andre Gray led the tributes after Connor Goldson made an emotional Premier League debut for Brighton & Hove Albion.**

Wolverhampton-born Goldson was named man of the match in the December 23 clash, after shutting out Gray's Watford on his top-flight bow – 10 months after being withdrawn from action to have heart surgery.

And though Goldson's performance condemned Watford to a fourth straight defeat, Gray could not hide his delight on social media.

Posting a picture of the duo contesting for possession on Twitter, Gray wrote: "From Sunday League Deansfield young boys to the Premier League, against all odds! Connor Goldson, I'm proud of you beyond belief, you've come through more than I can imagine and now we here! Man of the match on debut speaks for itself. Love you bro."

## Established

The duo represented Wolverhampton Schools as youngsters before getting their break at Shrewsbury Town, where they both made their Football League debuts.

Although Gray would have to leave for non-league Hinckley, before rising through the ranks with Luton, Brentford, Burnley and now Watford; Goldson established himself in Shropshire. He helped guide Town to promotion from League Two – and was named in the League Two team of the year – before linking up with Brighton, who were promoted last season under Chris Hughton, although Goldson missed the end of the campaign after a routine heart screening revealed a suspected defect.

Former Shrewsbury team-mates Andre Gray and Connor Goldson battle for possession

Two appearances followed in the EFL Cup earlier this season and a proposed loan move to Championship club Ipswich collapsed.

After making his debut, Seagulls boss Hughton said: "It's a happy changing room for Connor, because he's a very popular player. We all know what he went through. You have to wait for your chance and I thought he was very good."

Meanwhile, Goldson, aged 25, told The Argus in Brighton that he felt he should have scored – although he was happy overall with how he performed on his top-flight bow. "I should have scored," he said. "The ball was perfect, the set-piece worked perfectly and at the time I was just thinking 'Head it down, keep it on target and it's a goal'.

"I was about two yards out and to be fair to him he made a good save.

"It was a planned set-piece. It was the first one from that side.

"They marked zonally and I felt like I had a run and jump every single time.

"The balls were perfect and I felt like I got near a lot."

And on adjusting to the sport at the highest level, he added: "I think you get a bit more time but I think you have to concentrate more.

"There's a lot of good players and you have to be on your game and concentrate the whole game."

# Rider in support plea as he pursues dream

A CYCLIST from the Black Country is aiming to get to the top of his sport – and is calling on support from the area to help him.

Former Wolverhampton Wheelers rider Adam Lewis moved to Belgium four years ago to pursue his riding dream and has been signed up for team T Palm Pole Continental Waloon, which is in the third division of cycling. It means he will be competing in professional races in France, Belgium and Luxembourg from February, but he must pay for himself.

The 22-year-old from Willenhall says he needs around £5,000 to cover the first eight months of the season, paying for rent, food and coaching and has set up an online funding page.

Lewis said: ""I will be racing throughout Europe in some of the most prestigious pro races in France, Belgium, Luxembourg to name just a few. Unfortunately, due to being a third division team they are not required to pay a salary which means my budget is extremely tight."

Visit www.gofundme.com/support-adams-pro-cycling-dream

# Brummies finalise top trio with Davey

BIRMINGHAM Brummies have completed a powerhouse top-end trio by snapping up exciting talent Mitchell Davey.

The 27-year-old joins Tom Bacon and Danyon Hume in the Brummies top three, with hot prospect Leon Flint also already confirmed at reserve.

Davey is a popular figure at Perry Barr after an important contribution in the club's play-off final success over Eastbourne in 2016.

Meanwhile, two of Brummies teenage aces from last season won't be rejoining. Taylor Hampshire's college commitments have seen him join Kent while Jack Parkinson-Blackburn does not feature in the owners' final team plans. Co-promoter David Mason said the duo had appeared in a number of team permutations but said they would not be back at Perry Barr.

"The decision to leave Jack out is something we thought long and hard about. Jack is so familiar with Birmingham now and he's come a hell of a long way. But we felt he would personally benefit by going somewhere new for a season," Mason said.

# Heathens boss in new Lakeside role

CRADLEY Heathens team boss Will Pottinger has been appointed as manager of Lakeside speedway team. He will, however, remain with the Heathens for their National Trophy campaign.

The Vortex Hammers are preparing for an exciting year after moving up into the SGB Championship.

Pottinger was approached for the job after Kelvin Tatum relinquished the role due to other commitments.

It is a big step for the 30-year-old, who has enjoyed remarkable success with the Heathens in the National League but is now set to test himself at a higher level with the Essex-based outfit.

And he said he could not wait to get started at the Arena-Essex Raceway.

"It's a great privilege to be asked by Lakeside to manage their team, so it's something I'm really looking forward to," Pottinger said.

"Lakeside have put a very strong side together, and I've dealt most of the riders at some time or another. I'm looking forward to getting started."

# Top boxing official from region dies at age of 76

ONE of the world's top boxing referees, who hailed from the Black Country, has died aged 76.

Paul Thomas, born in Brierley Hill, had kept order in almost 300 world title fights. He also officiated thousands of fights in the West Midlands as a judge.

Mr Thomas eventually moved to Derby but son Dean, 52 and one of three children, insists his father always saw himself as a West Midlander.

Paul Thomas

"I can remember him taking me to the (Wolverhampton) Civic Hall to see all the local fights before he became a referee," he said. "He was referee for a lot of fights there over the years too as even when you're doing the world title fights, you still do the local ones too.

"It was around 1977 or 78 that he started as a referee and you have to finish when you are 65, but then he still did some work overseas. He went on to live in Derby but the Black Country is his roots."

Mr Thomas's last refereeing contest in this country was Amir Khan's first pro bout against Rachid Drilzane in London in 2006, which saw Khan lift the IBF inter-continental light welterweight crown.

The funeral is at the Markeaton Crematorium in Derby at 2pm on January 12.

# Rivalries put aside in mascot tribute

Mascots join Carly Evans and her children

WEST Midlands football clubs put their local rivalries aside to pay a fitting tribute to the late former Albion mascot Richard Eades. Meanwhile funds continue to pour in for his family.

Baggies fans have been rocked by the news that the 42-year-old, who had worn the Albi bird costume, passed away unexpectedly on Boxing Day while preparing for the game against Everton.

Tributes to the father-of-two, from Wednesbury, were paid during Albion's clash with Arsenal at The Hawthorns on New Year's Eve.

Among them was a touching moment prior to kick-off where Richard's fiancée Carly and two children Lily-Mae, aged eight, and Archie, three, were joined on the pitch by mascots from Walsall, Wolves, Birmingham City and Aston Villa as well as Baggie Bird. West Bromwich Albion expressed their appreciation to them.

A Tweet from the club said: "Local rivalries mean nothing today. Our thanks to @AVFCOfficial, @BCFC, @WFCOfficial and @Wolves for their support. #WBA"

A film showing Richard in action was also screened to fans who applauded him on the 42nd minute while the players wore black armbands.

Meanwhile thousands of pounds has been donated in his memory, with more than £2,000 donated on a gofundme page.

# World Cup ace speaks out over race abuse

WOLVES winger Morgan Gibbs-White was subjected to racist abuse during the under-17 World Cup final in which he scored, a team-mate has revealed.

Liverpool striker Rhian Brewster recalled at least seven incidents of racist abuse during his career, five of them in the last year. One he referred to targeted the Wolves player, who found the net in a 5-2 win over Spain in October.

Musician Stormzy has led the tributes to 'brave' Brewster for speaking out about the abuse. Brewster, just 17, also scored in the World Cup final and, in a national newspaper interview he requested, claimed UEFA needed to take racism more seriously.

Coming out in support, the grime and hip hop artist posted on Twitter: "Big up yourself my brother @RhianBrewster9 and good on you for speaking out."

He added: "You've shown INCREDIBLE restraint and maturity."

In his interview with the Guardian, Brewster spoke about Gibbs-White being called a 'monkey' during the World Cup final.

The Football Association reported the incident to Fifa and followed that up last month with further evidence but, as yet, has not been informed whether or not any action will be taken.

And Brewster said: "I don't think UEFA take this thing seriously. They don't really care, like it has been brushed under the carpet."

# Katie gets kick out of sporting success

**A STUDENT of business management by day – a world kickboxing champion by night.**

Katie Healy may appear an ordinary teenage student while on campus at Aston University.

But the 19-year-old from Bilston is a person not to mess with.

She won the WKA World Kickboxing championship belt in November, seven months after winning the Jackhammers World Title in New York.

Now she is planning her next fight as part of an 'only girls show' at her gym, Trojan Martial Arts Academy in Brownhills.

She is also eyeing up another title, or even a switch to boxing.

"I'm a competitive person, once I put myself forward I put everything into it," said Katie, who started kickboxing aged 11.

"I've had great trainers and I've also been good at responding to criticism, in fact I am my biggest critic.

## Calm

"I used to be so nervous fighting, but experience has taught me to remain calm and combined with hard training, I have got where I am."

Katie is trained by Gavin Burrows and even has a nutritionist, Andy Dowen.

Having risen up through the ranks in the West Midlands, she took her first major title, the WKA British Kickboxing championship, two years ago after she beat Charlotte Potts of Middlesbrough.

Katie was invited to fight in New York, winning the Jackhammers World Title, and then the WKA World Kickboxing championship in Kent last month.

Women's kickboxing matches take place over five rounds.

Similar to normal boxing, they end when there is a knockout or a winner is declared using a points-based system after the five rounds.

Katie, who went to Moseley Park School in Bilston, said: "I got into kickboxing because of my dad. He knew of some people at the local club and I was looking to get involved in some sort of sport.

"As soon I got involved, I loved it," she added.

Katie currently trains twice a week but up to a fight she will train two times a day, six days a week.

Katie Healy, aged 19, from Bilston, is the WKA World Kickboxing champion

She said: "I've learned to eat well, enjoy life and keep my feet on the ground, but also take the sport seriously. I have plans to fight for another title next year at the club, but nothing has yet been arranged.

"Meanwhile, I'm busy looking for a work placement as part of my four-year university course."

# Proudlock the winner in clash of ex-Wolves

TWO former Wolves strikers went head-to-head in the dugouts – and Adam Proudlock got the better of Lee Mills.

Newport Town, managed by Proudlock, kept up their title charge in West Midlands League Division One on Saturday with a 3-1 win at Team Dudley, where Mills is boss.

Mills spent three years at Molineux, from 1992 until 1995, while Proudlock came through the youth ranks and figured for them between 1998 and 2003.

Second-half goals from Rob Millington, who was then sent off, Jay Russell, via the penalty spot, and Ed James saw Newport to victory.

They stay top, three points clear of Wem Town.

# Sporting let points slip in race for title

TITLE-CHASING Wolves Sporting surprisingly dropped two points at home to rock-bottom Wellington Amateurs on Saturday.

Sporting twice came from behind to snatch a point and move within two points of West Midlands Premier leaders Tividale.

Tom Hill cancelled out Welly's opener, before Alex Moore levelled for a second time from the spot.

Black Country Rangers moved up to second courtesy of a 7-2 thrashing of Wolves Casuals. There was also a win for Bilston Town Community – 2-1 at Hereford Lads Club.

In the Midland Premier, James Spray scored on his debut as AFC Wulfrunians beat Lye Town 2-1 – Ben Jevons got the winner.

7 x Golden Charter
Funeral Planner of the Year
(West Mids. & N. Wales)

A&A Walters
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Thank You NHS Staff Discount

A family owned and run company providing five generations of quality care since 1850.
Multi-Award Winning Funeral Director | Featured at the 'Black Country Living Museum'

TIPTON - 85 Dudley Rd.
t: 0121 557 1347

SEDGLEY - 21 Bilston St.
t: 01902 885339

BILSTON - 153-159 Dudley St.
t: 01902 495384

Upholding family values for over 165 years -
'Allow Our family to care for Yours'
waltersfunerals.co.uk

ACCOUNTANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

We specialise in supporting small businesses and can help with:
- Self Assessment Tax Returns
- Business Accounts
- Corporation Tax
- Bookkeeping and VAT
- Business Start-ups
- Payroll and RTI
- Help with CIS
- Fixed Fees agreed in advance

...and much more

TaxAssist Accountants
The Accountancy and Tax Service for Small Business

01902 755557
www.taxassist.co.uk/wolverhampton

# Sport

Pure gold! Connor's Premier League debut worth the wait

Page 50

## Win sent out a statement – hero Douglas

BARRY Douglas hailed Wolves' 'big statement' victory at Bristol City – and suggested Lee Johnson's pre-match comments had been an extra motivation.

Douglas scored one and then set up Ryan Bennett's last-gasp winner as Wolves came from behind to beat the Robins 2-1. Before Tuesday night's game at Brentford, Wolves were nine points clear at the top.

Johnson stated before the game that his team 'need to do a job for the league' by beating Wolves.

And Douglas said: "Actions speak louder than words, that's what we did. You can always use these as extra motivation. We don't look into what people say, people are always going to comment, it's a compliment to us."

The victory extended Wolves' unbeaten run to 11 matches and man of the match Douglas praised the team's resilience after going down to 10 men at Ashton Gate following Danny Batth's red card.

"The resilience comes from the hard work we do on the training ground," he said. "Sometimes we train with a man less. We need to be prepared for all situations – it's the sign of a good team.

"It's the belief and the winning mentality we've got. Nuno's a passionate guy. He reiterated we had to stick to our game plan, keep doing what we're doing because he's got the belief in us. It was a really big statement because it showed we can mix it, deal with it and then get our foot in the game.

"We nullified them and showed we're the better footballing team. It would have been easy to panic and go deep but we never did that."

## Applause as former keeper Derek dies

A MINUTE'S applause was held before Stourbridge FC's fixture against Rushall Olympic on New Year's Day, in memory of their former goalkeeper Derek Dudley who also played for Villa and Albion.

Mr Dudley, of Rugeley, who spent four years at Aston Villa in the 1980s and also played for the Baggies, died on New Year's Eve.

Derek Dudley

His former Baggies teammate Daryl Burgess said: "On this night of joy, please raise a glass for my ex team mate Derek Dudley who sadly passed away. Life is short folks, enjoy it."

Mr Dudley, who was 47-years-old, also used to play for Halesowen Town and Chasetown.

Stourbridge FC said in an official statement: "We held a minute's applause before kick-off in memory of our former goalkeeper Derek Dudley who sadly passed away."

# Nuno: I have total trust in Miranda

Wolves' Roderick Miranda

BOSS Nuno Espirito Santo says Roderick Miranda has his and Wolves' 'total support' after the defender was named in a match-fixing investigation.

Reports in Portugal have claimed the 26-year-old centre-back is one of four suspects in an ongoing police investigation into alleged match-fixing during last season's Primeira League game between Rio Ave and Feirense.

Miranda, who joined Wolves from Rio Ave last summer, has been named alongside former team-mates and fellow defenders Marcelo and Nadjack, along with goalkeeper Cassio.

Betting on the fixture, which took place in February, was suspended prior to kick-off after an unusually high bet of £100,000 – which reports have claimed came from China – was placed on a Feirense win.

They won 2-1 and an investigation was launched immediately following the match. Wolves declined to make any public comment but Nuno made clear his 'total trust' in Miranda, who he previously signed while in charge of Rio Ave in 2013.

"It's speculation outside this country and I don't really wish to comment," said the boss.

"All I will say is he was my player before, he is my player now, I totally trust and support him. We as a club support him."

# NOTHING WON YET SAYS BOSS

**WOLVES boss Nuno Espirito Santo was warning his players that nothing is won in January ahead of the table-toppers' visit of Brentford on Tuesday night.**

Wolves, unbeaten in 11, were looking to increase their nine-point advantage at the top of the Championship.

But the head coach remained determined to keep a lid on expectations surrounding his side.

"No competition in the world is decided in January," he said. "We have a tough game against Brentford. The run of Brentford has been impressive, we must be ready."

And, after 3,500 fans travelled to Bristol on Saturday, Nuno paid tribute to the club's supporters.

### Stronger

"Since day one our fans have been there with us," he said. "We were so far away from home in pre-season and there were 500 fans, I was surprised. Let's continue supporting each other because together we are stronger."

The unbeaten run was stretched with a dramatic late 2-1 win, courtesy of Ryan Bennett's winner. Their captain and head coach were sent off, they'd seen a brilliant free-kick hit the post and they'd gone 1-0 down to a fired-up Bristol City in front of a baying home crowd.

But what followed was one of the most remarkable turnarounds produced by a Wolves team in recent years. Nuno's team, as they have done on so many occasions this season, defied the odds and somehow managed to find a way to win.

With Danny Batth red-carded and Nuno sent to the stands, Bobby Reid gave the Robins the lead.

But when goalkeeper Frank Fielding was sent off to even up the numbers, Barry Douglas scored past replacement keeper Luke Steele and then the Scot provided the assist for Bennett to head in the last-gasp winner

Ryan Bennett rises to head in Wolves' winner in stoppage time at Ashton Gate

## Ref and Johnson on receiving end of rant

WOLVES boss Nuno Espirito Santo raged at the referee and opposition boss Lee Johnson after Wolves beat Bristol City to extend their lead at the top.

The head coach was sent to the stands by official Peter Bankes, who also sent off Wolves skipper Danny Batth and City keeper Frank Fielding.

Nuno will likely face an FA punishment, just weeks after a fine for being sent off during the 5-1 win over Bolton. But he took aim at Bankes, who also dismissed Conor Coady at Sheffield United earlier this season.

He said of the referee: "It's the second time that he does a game of us – and it's the second sent off. I think it's unfair."

Nuno knows Bristol City boss Johnson from when the pair took a coaching course together but the Wolves chief didn't take kindly to Johnson's pre-match comments that his team 'need to do a job for the league' by beating leaders Wolves.

He added: "We don't fight against anybody, we are inside the competition, so this kind of message that Lee Johnson sends – 'let's beat Wolves to help the competition' – creates a tough atmosphere that is absurd."

## Clubs look into racist chants claim

WOLVES, Millwall, the police and the Football Association are investigating claims of racist chants and comments allegedly made during the Boxing Day clash at The Den.

Wolves have released a statement saying they are working with both the Lions and the FA to look into the claims.

A number of Wolves supporters alleged they heard remarks and chants, reportedly made by home fans towards Alfred N'Diaye and Romain Saiss.

Suggestions have also been made that comments were made towards Bright Enobakhare when he was warming up.

In a statement Wolves encouraged supporters to get in touch with any more information. It said: "Wolves have been made aware by the club's supporters of the alleged racist chants/comments from sections of the crowd.

"As a club, we are fiercely committed to stamping out all types of discrimination within the game and are presently working in co-operation with both the FA and Millwall Football Club to investigate all allegations of racist abuse.

"We would like to encourage anybody who has any further information to contact the club at their earliest possible convenience."

Millwall, who held the Championship leaders to a 2-2 draw, said in a statement: "The club will, alongside Wolves, its own security team and the police, investigate these serious allegations immediately and comprehensively."

● Abuse – Page 51

## Three game ban as Batth loses appeal

WOLVES skipper Danny Batth has been banned for three matches after an appeal against his red card at Bristol City was rejected.

Batth was sent off in the 14th minute of Wolves' 2-1 win at Ashton Gate for a foul on Hordur Magnusson.

The centre-half won the ball, but referee Peter Bankes judged the tackle to be too dangerous and sent Batth off.

Wolves lodged an appeal with the FA but that's now been rejected.

As well as Tuesday's visit of Brentford, Batth will also miss Saturday's FA Cup clash with Swansea City and the trip to Barnsley on January 13.

★★★

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING The recycled content of newspapers in 2015 was 62.8%

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketley, Telford.
Thursday, January 4, 2018

Wombourne Windows™
ORANGERIES AND CONSERVATORIES
UP TO 28% OFF FOR JANUARY 2018 INSTALLATIONS
(Offer available at time of quotation only)
www.wombourne-windows.co.uk
See our full page advertisement on page 12
Morlock House, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, South Staffs WV5 0AL Telephone: 0800 085 8518 Opening Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday Closed

Wolverhampton
# CHRONICLE

INSIDE: YOUR REGULAR CHRONICLE

Thursday, January 4, 2018 | Read by more than 65,000 people | Price when sold 70p

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

PAY MONTHLY 0% INTEREST FREE • FREE DELIVERY ON OR

interiorsitalia

Discount Voucher

**EXTRA 10% OFF**

Terms Apply. Does not include showroom clearance bedroom sets.
Offer available on in store purchases only. See in store for more details

Valid until 31.01.2018

ORDER TODAY WITH JUST 10% DEPOSIT • PAY MONTHLY 0

DERS OVER £250 • ORDER TODAY WITH JUST 10% DEPOSIT

interiorsitalia

Discount Voucher

**EXTRA 10% OFF**

Terms Apply. Does not include showroom clearance bedroom sets.
Offer available on in store purchases only. See in store for more details

Valid until 31.01.2018

% INTEREST FREE • FREE DELIVERY ON ORDERS OVER £250

All Italian Bedroom Sets Include: Bedframe, 2 x Bedsides, Chest, Mirror and 4 Door Wardrobe

# HALF PRICE
# 50% OFF

## ALL PREMIUM MATTRESSES WITH ANY ITALIAN BEDROOM SET

Terms Apply. Does not include showroom clearance bedroom sets.
Offer available on in store purchases only. Valid until 31.01.2018

Spread the cost and pay monthly with 0% Interest Free Finance and just 10% Deposit

**interiorsitalia**

79a Darlington Street Wolverhampton WV1 4JD

**01902 428 489**

www.interiorsitalia.com